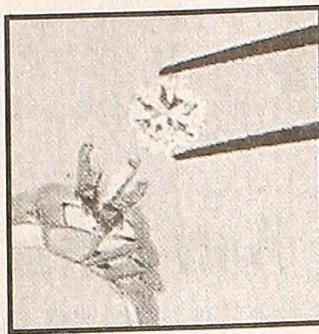


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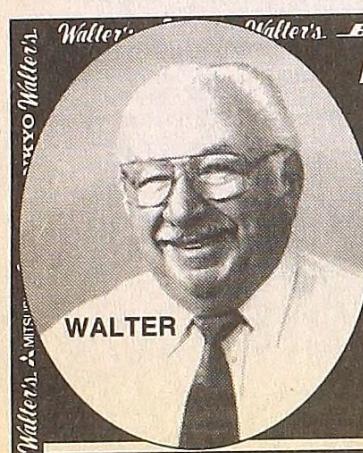
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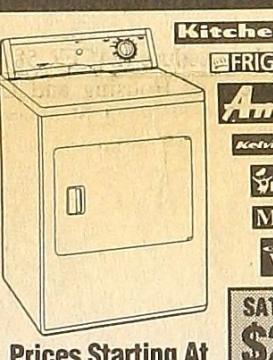


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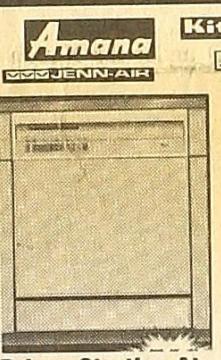


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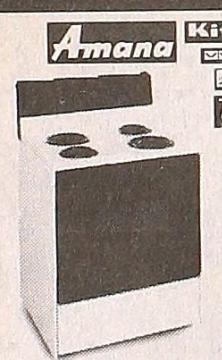


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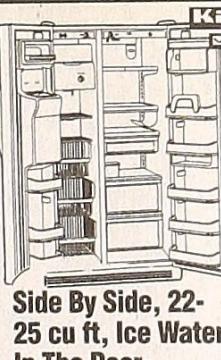


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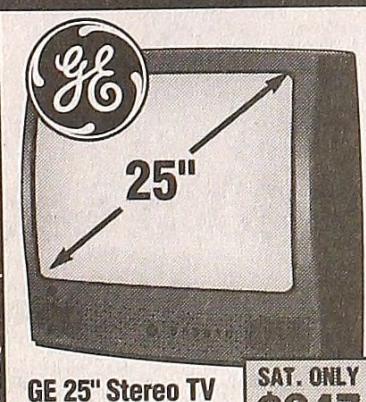


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African artists offer craft exhibits

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Two expressive African artists from the Nike Center for Arts and Culture in Nigeria presented a unique pair of lectures and demonstrations to students at Romulus High School as part of Black History Month.

A fifth generation wood carver Folorunsho Owolabi is an experienced demonstrator, who earlier exhibited his works at the Wayne County Cultural Center in 1992 and the Bronx River Art Center in New York City a year later.

He is now working on a new exhibit that will cover three generations -- those of his grandfather, his father and he and his brothers.

The second artist at Romulus High was Kike Amuda, daughter of an African village leader, who displayed the art of indigo dying that she learned a decade ago under the training of her aunt. She later studied under Nike Davies at the Nike Center. She too is an experienced exhibitor having shown her works in both Nairobi and Kenya, prior to coming to America.

In addition to displaying her talents for dying, she also showed the art of embroidery batiking and quilting.

The pair of exhibitors also placed on view various artwork created by other African craftsmen and women, who are active in the Nike Center in Nigeria.

The exhibit was conducted for five school hours for members of classes such as art, sociology, woodworking, world affairs, French and English 12.



African artists, Kike Amuda, left, and Folorunsho Owolabi, are shown as they open their lectures and exhibits at Romulus High School as part of Black History Month. MCN Special Photo

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NOTICE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WAYNE Annual School Election June 8, 1998 LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1998 4:00 P.M.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Nominating petitions for filling two (2) vacancies as a Member of the Board of Education in the Romulus Community School District may be obtained from the offices of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TWO (2) - FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS

Deadline for submission of nominating petitions is Monday, April 6, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time. Petitions should contain a minimum of thirty (3) signatures of voters registered in the Romulus Community School District.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: March 12, 1998
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CITY OF ROMULUS CHAPTER 33 ARTICLE I

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 33, ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS" ARTICLE I AND TO ADD ARTICLE VI FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR LAND SPLITS THAT QUALIFY AS A "DIVISION" UNDER THE LAND DIVISION ACT OF 1997, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

**THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Chapter 33, Article I, Section 33-4 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Romulus entitled "Definitions" shall be amended to add the following definitions and, Article VI Sections 33-100 to 33-105 are added as follows;

Article I

Section 33-4 Definition

"A development site" means a parcel that has a building development already or one which is intended for building development.

"A parcel" means a continuous acre or acreage of land.

"Parent parcel" means a parcel or tract lawfully in existence on March 31, 1997.

"Tract" means two or more parcels that share a common property line and are under the same ownership.

"Survey" means a survey performed by a professional surveyor licensed under Article 20 of the Occupational Code, Act 299 of the Public Acts of 1980.

"40 acres or the equivalent" means 40 acres, a quarter-quarter section containing not less than 30 acres, or a government lot containing not less than 30 acres.

LDA means the Michigan Land Division Act MCLA 560.101 et seq.

Article VI - Land Division

Section 33-100 Parcel or Tract Splits

Before a parcel or tract of land within the City limits of Romulus is split into two (2) or more parcels with one of the resulting parcels being less than 40 acres or the equivalent in size, if the land is not platted in accordance with the Michigan Land Division Act (LDA) MCL 560.101, application shall be made to the city Assessor for a determination that the split complies with the requirements of Section 108 and 109 of the LDA and this Ordinance.

Section 33-101 Application

Application shall be made on a form provided by the Assessor's

office, who shall approve or disapprove, in writing all applications within 45 days of receipt of all the required information as set forth in Section 33-102. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate through the application and required supporting documents compliance with the LDA and this Ordinance.

Section 33-102 Supporting Documents

All applications of land split shall include 4 copies of the following:

- An adequate and accurate legal description as determined by the Assessor describing the parent parcel and each resulting parcel that will exist after the split.
- A survey of the resulting parcels which establishes the dimensions of each resulting parcel, and depth and width requirements.
- Whether the resulting parcels are a development site.
- If a resulting parcel is a development site the application must include the water supply approval, and sewer service approval required by the LDA and this Ordinance, and proof of establishment of adequate easements for utilities.
- A tentative parcel map drawn to scale showing the area and the boundary lines of each resulting parcel, how the parcels are accessible by driveways that comply with local ordinance and roadways that comply with applicable state or local standards.

Section 33-103 Resulting Parcels

All resulting parcels shall have a depth to width ratio of not more than 4 to 1 and comply with the minimum width and area requirements of Appendix A Zoning of the Romulus City Code.

Section 33-104 Non-Waiver

Nothing contained in Article VI shall be construed as a waiver of any of the requirements of any other provisions of the Code of the City of Romulus.

Section 33-105 Fee

All applications for land splits shall be accompanied by payment of a fee as may be determined by Council by resolution from time to time.

Section 2. Penalties

Any person who violates Section 33-100 to 33-105 shall be guilty of misbehavior punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than ninety days or both.

Section 3. Saving Clause

Nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or administrative body, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any Act or Ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability

Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR BID #98-11 1998 JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified pyrotechnic display companies to provide and execute the 1998 July 4th fireworks display.

Sealed bids for the above bid will be received in the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan until 2:00 p.m., April 7, 1998. At that time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian H Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734)942-7564.
(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office and addressed:

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(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid price will be required.

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sion office.
No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Such written comments should be received at the above address on or before March 05, 1998. All comments received will be considered and the Romulus Housing Commission will not request the release of federal funds or take any administration action on the activities prior to the date specified in the above statement.

The City of Romulus certifies to HUD that Mayor William M. Oakley in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Romulus Housing Commission to use Program funds.

HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following reasons:

- The certification was not executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the applicant approved by HUD.
- An applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the Environmental Review Process.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24CFR 58) and may be addressed to HUD at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public Housing, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after April 13, 1998, will be considered by HUD.

William M. Oakley, Mayor
City of Romulus
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174
Christine Anderson, Executive Director
Romulus Housing Commission
34200 Beverly Road
Romulus, MI 48174

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be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid, and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Conflicting Ordinances

All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 2nd day of March, 1998.

William M. Oakley, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 2nd day of March, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Romulus Roman, a newspaper printed in the City of Romulus, on the 19th day of March, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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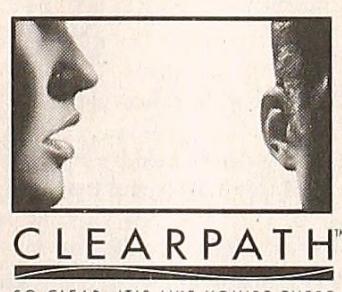
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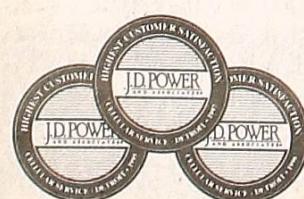
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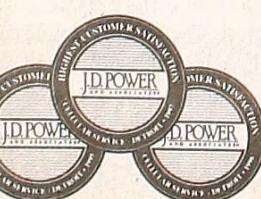
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Cat in a hat spotted at Jefferson

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

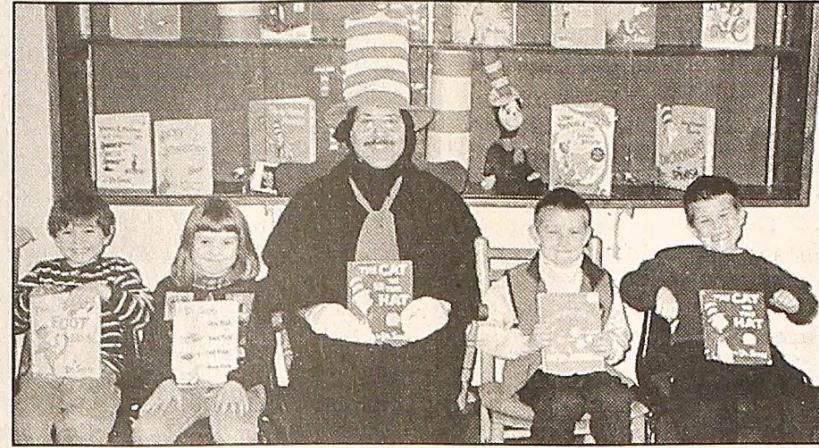
With titles like "The Cat in the Hat," "The Foot Book," and "Green Eggs and Ham" who wouldn't want to celebrate reading month with a Dr. Seuss theme?

Students and staff at Jefferson-Barns Elementary in Westland went all out last week when they celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday as part of a "Read Across America" campaign.

Principal Pete Palasinski said every year the school participates in reading month during March. But this is the first year they have done Read Across America.

Thanks to the coordination of Cheryl McConnell, second grade teacher and Bonnie Schramm, learning consultant, on March 2, the whole school participated in a read-in.

The students decorated the



(From left to right) Jessica Lazuka, Robert McQuillen, Principal Pete Palasinski, Justin Sommerville and Chris Blevins in the rock and read at Jefferson Elementary. MCN Photo by Jenny Johnson

halls with banners depicting different Dr. Seuss books. Teachers wore floppy Seuss hats and students were sporting red neck ties, just like The Cat in the Hat.

Palasinski donned a full Cat in the Hat costume and read to students.

Sponsored by the National Education Association, Read Across America challenged every child in America to read a book on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2.

So why Dr. Seuss? Palasinski said, "His books have different levels. There are

both easy and hard readers."

Plus research has shown that with the use of rhyme, Dr. Seuss' books are an effective tool for introducing children to reading.

First grader Chris Blevins said his favorite book is "The Foot Book."

Robert McQuillen likes "The Cat in the Hat."

This first grader was proud to say, "I can read some of the words." Then he read the title and author's name on the cover.

Justin Sommerville likes "There's a Wocket in My Pocket."

Jessica Lazuka said she has all of the Dr. Seuss books at home but her favorite is "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish."

Students and staff are also collecting pop bottles during the month of March to purchase new books for the library.

Van Buren schools consider millage compromise

In the spirit of community and compromise,
I believe we can still move ahead to meet
the needs of our students.

- James F. Richendollar

the idea of compromise."

But he also said, "Our initial financial analysis illustrates that their proposal would nearly double the cost of supporting the millage, though over a shorter period of time. We are concerned that increase would put an additional burden on senior citizens and those on fixed income, which we tried to avoid with the district's package."

The district will probably submit three different options for public input. Then they will reach a compromise.

"In the spirit of community and compromise, I believe we can still move ahead to meet the needs of our students, while considering revised financing. However, while we are willing to compromise on financing options, we cannot compromise on meeting the needs of our students," Richendollar said.

option is no longer the subject of debate."

The district's original plan to come up with \$16 million was to levy 1.3 mills until the year 2017.

This would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$65 a year. It would allow the school district to build two new schools to replace Edgemont and Rawsonville; put a music addition at Belleville High School; add a media center and a multi-purpose room at Elwell and Haggerty schools; and improve the

air quality at all schools with new fresh air exchange systems.

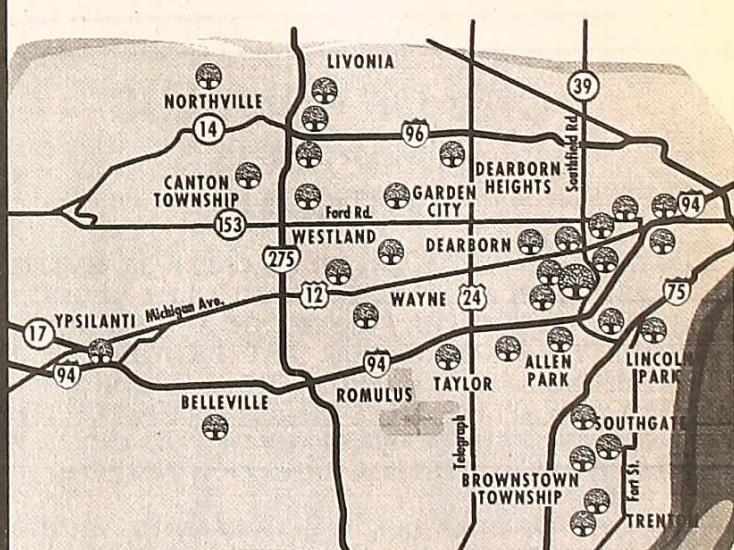
The current tax levy is .18 mills. It will expire in May. The Bowles/Losen plan would levy 3.5 mills in 1998 and 2 mills through the year 2003.

Director of finance, Tom Wall is analyzing the financial aspects of the proposal.

Richendollar said, "Even though the proposal was submitted to the board as an ultimatum that had to be approved in its entirety, I support

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Writer

The City of Wayne has a license plate thief on the loose

On Tuesday, March 3, two employees at businesses located on Michigan Ave. at Elizabeth reported that their license plates had been stolen the evening before while being parked in their parking lot.

Romulus Reports

On Feb. 26, another patron of Alert Storage found out that there storage area had been broken into.

From this area, there is a 19" color Magnavox TV and a Blackhawk muzzleloader rifle missing.

This seems to be an ongoing problem. Starting with last week when two of the units were reported broken into. All the break-ins probably occurred in one night.

As tenants stop by, we will probably find more and more broken into.

We had a goosenecking in Romulus on Feb. 28. A homeowner in the 39000 block of Montana reported two life size plastic geese stolen from the lawn.

Airbags were stolen from a 1997 Dodge Neon that was parked in a lot on Wick Rd. The theft was reported on Feb. 28.

A call from the 31000 block of Wick Road on March 1 reported that the lock was punched out on the passenger door of a GMC Suburban.

The radio, a diamond dinner ring and shoes were stolen from the truck.

A breaking and entering was reported from the 28000 block of S. Maple Street on March 2.

A 3X3 double pane window was broken out. A VCR, tape rewinder and assorted tapes were stolen. Also taken were two 15" speakers, a CD player and remote control boat.

No model or serial numbers are available.

A home in the 7300 block of Kempa was invaded on March 2. The home was entered and a red Craftsman toolbox was stolen.

Several interior items were damaged by what is believed

to be an air rifle.

Clayco Construction on Ecorse Road reported a theft on March 3.

A 18hp Briggs and Stratton gas engine was removed from a power washer at the location. It was stolen during the nighttime hours. There were ATV tracks found in the area.

A man from the 7100 block of Washington called police and reported that his adopted brother had allegedly stole his checks.

Van Buren Reports

On Feb. 27 at 12:10am, there was a house fire on Martz Road. The fire looked suspicious and led to the arrest of one person. A second suspect is being sought.

A domestic dispute call from a location on Belleville Road lead to a warrant arrest. The person was transferred to the Pittsfield Twp. police who held the warrant.

Someone tried to make a purchase with a fraudulent credit card at a location in the 45000 block of Ecorse Road on Feb. 27.

Police went to the location and made a report.

A patron of Meijer's was cited for retail fraud on Feb. 27 at 12:26pm.

Immediately following, at 12:30, Farmer Jack's had a case of retail fraud. This call resulted in an arrest.

An embezzlement report was made on Feb. 27 from the 10000 block of Belleville Road.

An arrest was made at a location in the 9700 block of Belleville Road for retail fraud on Feb. 27 at 6pm.

A loud party on Sumpter Road sent officers to the location to quiet it down.

Turned out, they broke up the party.

Van Buren Police made a drunk driving arrest on Feb. 28 in the early morning hours at Five Points.

A narcotics complaint sent officers to the Super 8 Motel on Feb. 28 at 1:46am.

A domestic dispute was called to the attention of police by someone at a location in the 46000 block of Lakeville.

Police were called to the

Edison property to remove the driver of a dirt bike on Feb. 28.

Two separate domestic disputes occurred on Feb. 28. One from the 9600 block of Van Buren. The next from the 43000 block of Crowley.

A traffic accident on the South Service Drive sent one person to the hospital on March 1 in the early morning hours.

A home in the 51000 block of Freedom called to report a run-away.

Cracker Barrel called to report retail fraud on March 1 at 11:50am.

A verbal domestic case sent officers to a location in the 6200 block of Denton Road.

A call from the 51000 block of Freedom's Way sent officers to help with Juvenile problems.

Police were called to the 48000 block of Hull Road for a noise complaint. The noisy people were advised.

A location in the 8900 block of Parkwood was cited for a noise complaint on March 1 at 7:40pm.

Someone locked them self out of their car on Landmark on March 1. Police were kind enough to gain entry for them.

A report was made on March 2 from a location at the Van Buren Estates in which the caller heard shots being fired.

A cow in the road sent officers to Elwell and Huron River Drive. The cow was removed from the road and given back to its owner.

Someone who had dinner at Cracker Barrel on March 2 at 7:30pm had their tires slashed.

Someone called police to state that a juvenile had been seen drinking alcohol. When police arrived, the juvenile could not be located.

A traffic stop at Rawsonville and I-94 resulted in the arrest of a wanted fugitive on March 2.

Wayne County Sheriff Dept. put out an APB to be on the lookout for a vehicle that matches the description of a car wanted in connection with

a felony.

The car was spotted on I-94 and Belleville Road. Turned out to be the wrong vehicle.

A fight was reported at 2:11am at Legg's Lounge on March 3.

Some kids were caught on Elwell Road skipping school. They were escorted back to school.

A report of a stolen check was made at a location on Wellington at 10:03am on March 3.

The police and fire departments were called to Lake Villa because a car was leaking gas on March 3.

A pregnant woman at Parkwood had some problems and had to be transported to the hospital in the afternoon hours of March 3.

Police assisted the fire department at Parkwood with a natural gas leak on March 3.

A fight at Girlstown sent officers to that location. They broke up the fight and resolved the problem.

A one car accident on the S. Service Dr. east of Tynzner called for a tow truck to remove a car that went through a fence.

A traffic stop at Belleville Road and Michigan Ave. had Van Buren officers helping the Canton Police with the Van Buren K-9 unit in searching a car for narcotics on March 3 at 10:49pm.

A caller from Van Buren Estates said that loud music and noise was disturbing the residents of the subdivision.

When police arrived, they could not find a problem.

There was an accident on the South Service Dr. on March 4 at 3:20am. This accident was the result of a car versus a guardrail.

A medical emergency sent police and fire officials to a location on Denton Road.

Upon arrival, they found the victim to be in cardiac arrest. Police and fire performed CPR and the victim was transported to Beyer Hospital.

Someone called to report child neglect from a location in the 9800 block of Wheeler.

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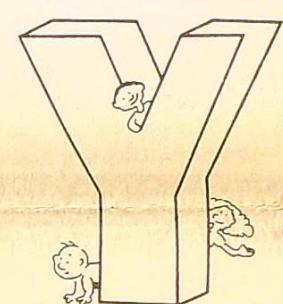
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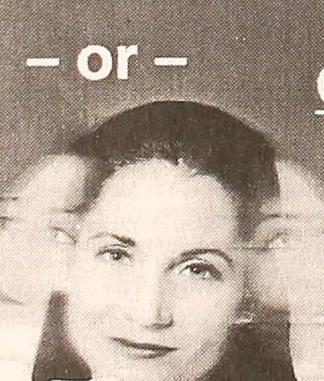
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Springer, Stern sensationalize news

It always bothers me when a reader calls and gripes because he or she feels we are sensationalizing the news. Because we are a community newspaper, they feel our place is to report nothing but names, faces and good news.

Years ago this might have been our place. But now with cable television, the internet and dozens of other forms of entertainment, the community newspaper quickly becomes a dinosaur without news that keeps readers interested.

Like many of you I don't much like this sad state of affairs but as new millennium approaches we seem to be more driven by the 3 S's, than tamer entertainment offerings. The 3 S's that drive today's society are Springer, Stern and Sprewell.

Oprah has tried to take the high road amongst talk shows much like many readers would expect of their local newspaper. On the other hand, former Mayor of Cincinnati Jerry Springer has higher ratings in many cities going head to head with Oprah. If you haven't seen a Springer show, you don't know what you're missing. With provocative topics like "I'm dating my girlfriend and her mother" or "bachelor parties that get out of hand" Springer's shows always feature fisticuffs and foul language. The guy who gets the most airtime on the show is not Springer, but the baldheaded bouncer!

Yet as ridiculous as this may seem, Springer is wildly successful. His video of outtakes is a best-seller and darling of the Hollywood cocktail party scene. All this from a guy who was on the political fast track until he paid a Newport, Kentucky hooker with a personal check while serving as Cincinnati mayor.

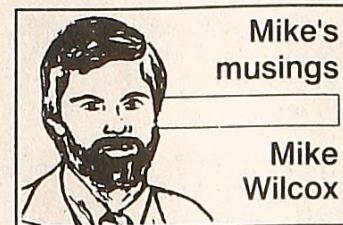
Another guy that has driven shock, shock and sensationalism to the top is Howard Stern. Stern, who calls himself "the king of all media" (funny I

don't worship him) has the number one radio show in New York, as well as several other cities. He didn't get listeners by praising and patting people on the back. No soiree! His listeners tune in because they don't want to miss his outrageous commentary and interviews that deal with sex, violence and to a lesser extent, politics.

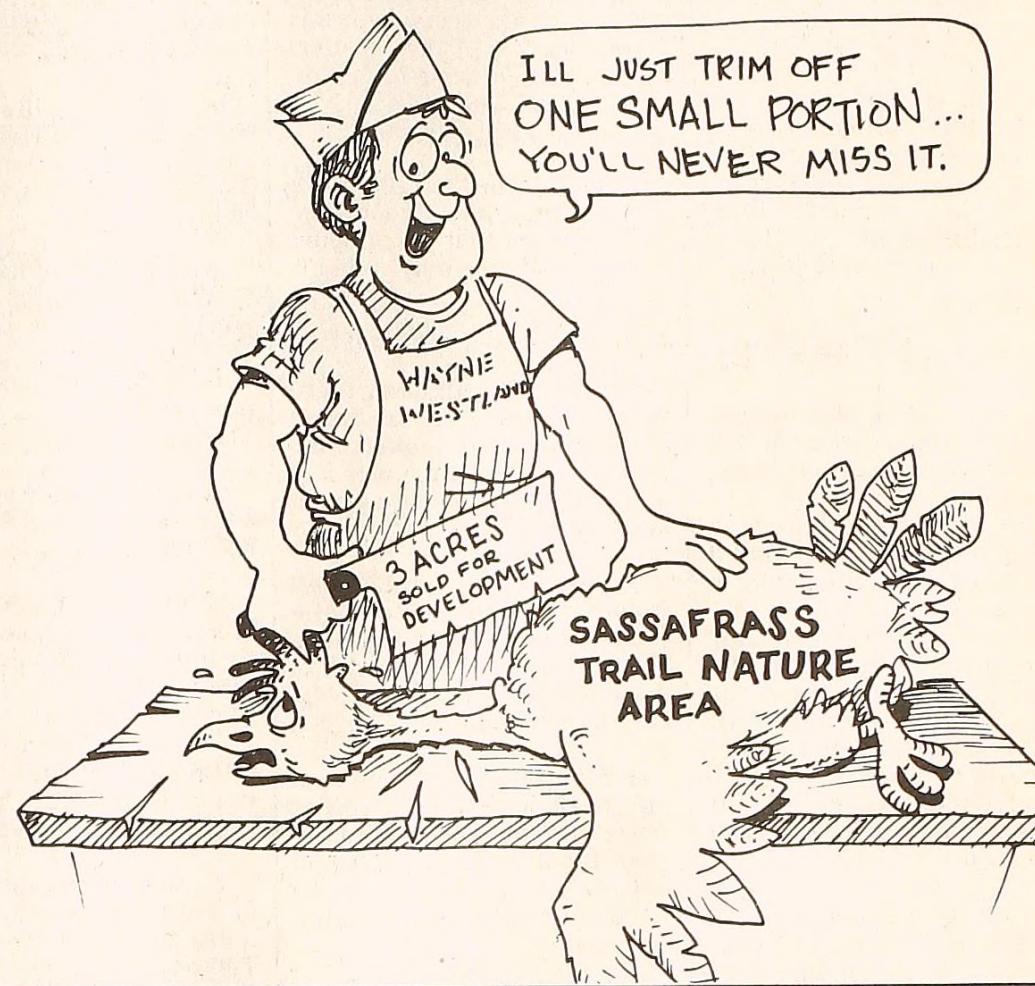
The latest "S", to get into the act is Latrell Sprewell, suspended shooting guard for the Golden State Warriors of the NBA. If you remember, Sprewell, a three-time all-star choked coach, PJ. Carlisle during a game a couple of months ago. This week an arbitrator ruled Spriewell had to be reinstated on July 1. The NBA and Golden State had hoped Sprewell's huge \$25 million contract would be voided. No dice.

Not a media personality, Sprewell is notorious for the violent act he committed and now is seemingly getting away with. When the arbitrator's ruling came down last week, talk show hosts from Geraldo to 60 Minutes, momentarily ditched their Bill and Monica copy in favor of bemoaning the Sprewell decision. They know violence makes good copy and were not about to miss out on this sensational story.

Thus, next time you think this newspaper is out-of-line by taking a shot at the mayor or running your neighbor's comments in "Sound Off", remember this is 1998, and the presentation of news is a whole lot different than twenty years ago, or even ten. On the other hand, if you still object our Letters to the Editor and Sound Off areas of the newspaper are always open for your comments.



Mike's
musings
Mike
Wilcox



Anti-gun statistics are hogwash

LETTERS

have to go to work at all hours of the day and night, and face crime and criminals, too.

Compare that list with the names and addresses of those who have been denied permits, or are just discouraged from seeking them because of all the red tape. People routinely living in or near poverty. People living in high crime - urban areas. Women going out to work late at night or early in the morning — alone — young and old, having to ride the bus or depend on a broken down, second hand car that needs new tires and a tune-up. All of whom are without significantly placed politicians and friends who can do them a favor. Is this right?

In support of your editorial opinion, you set forth various statistics. However I for one remain unconvinced by the mere anecdotal recitation of numbers.

In fact, despite the headline to your column — "Statistics argue against gun laws" — your numbers are merely that, and not statistics. Much the way apples are fruit, and oranges are fruit, but one does not compare them in the same analysis when seeking the truth.

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These are the people who systematically are denied personal protection only to be preyed upon by those who don't bother to get government's permission — THE CRIMINALS!!

These innocent souls have life long histories of good citizenship, but are denied. Why? Aren't they deserving of self-protection in their persons and their homes? Or, will the muggers and the thieves just not bother them because they are too poor to assault?

Like you did in comparing Seattle with Vancouver, I can reach a conclusion by comparing Wayne county "statistics" to those of Macomb county. But my conclusion will be materially different from yours. If you look at Macomb's violent crime statistics and compare them to Wayne county's, you might just decide that Macomb's "shall issue" approach is creating a safer society.

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Thanks to this newfound frugality, so go the reports, the federal budget is not only close to balancing, but we are on the brink of budget surpluses as far as the eye can see.

But the idea that government has penny-pinched its way to solvency is false.

Era of Big Government is not over

To the editor:

Evidently, if you say something enough times, people are supposed to believe you. At least that seems to be the case with the so-called budget surplus, the re-inventing of the federal government, and this administration's commitment to "fiscal discipline."

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Correct Sassafras bait-and-switch

lands, which many citizens believe.

But the council would only offer sympathy and a few fingers to point at the school district.

"There's nothing we can do," said Councilman Glenn Anderson, a strong supporter of preserving Sassafras, repeating the words of City Planner Tod Kilroy and City Attorney Angelo Plakas.

What he said is true, up to a point. Technically the council has no veto over the project under Michigan's notorious Subdivision Control Act.

But, contrary to what the city officials said, the city can do something. They can do what Sen. Bennett did: stand up and be counted.

The city can write a letter to the DEQ requesting a wetlands hearing. The city can write a letter to the attorney general asking for a ruling on the disputed legal description that Sassafras supporters claim was modified to sell the three acres.

If the council shows the DEQ that it is serious about preserving all of Sassafras, it probably will be saved.

If not, the citizen's only ally will be Sen. Bennett.



Ivan
Helfman

four children. I work hard everyday to support my family, plus save for my children's college. About two years ago we moved to the Midwest. Moving here has been harder than I thought it would be, so I found myself a hobby. I talked my wife into letting me buy an old Remington shot gun. Since then, I have found that I love to hunt.

When hunting season was over, I went to a gun club to check the cost of skeet shooting. I was surprised that the people there were not shooting Remingtons. They were shooting Berettas and higher model Brownings. I knew I was out of my league when the owner of the club introduced me to a man who was shooting a \$5,000 gun. I would like to have one just like it. Mr. Ross, I want one so bad I dream about it every night.

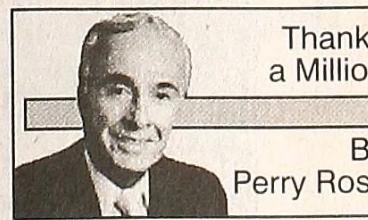
Mr. R. J. ... Market Place, Iowa City, IA

Dear Mr. J.: Dream on. Fact is, granting your request makes as much sense as me playing Russian Roulette with six bullets. Sorry.

Editor's note: Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at www.thanksamillion.com

Dear Mr. Ross: I'm a husband and the father of

A Kodak moment when the photographer says, "smile"



Thanks
a Million
By
Perry Ross

Mr. Ross I'm a 20 year old college student. For the last 4 years my best friend has been a 35 year old mentally handicapped man. He lives on my road and began riding his bike over to see me. He's adopted and the only reason the people who adopted him did so was to have an extra hand around the farm. His family repeatedly tells him how stupid he is. The only time he seems to cheer up is when he is with me.

I've taught him how to do odd jobs. He becomes jubilant after accomplishing a task. I now realize why my parents are proud of me when I do something well-I feel the same way towards my friend. To the point. I've fixed the bike he rides numerous times. It's old and has taken all the abuse a 35 year old can dish out. It has become nearly impossible to ride, yet his adoptive parents say the bike should last him the rest of his life. I want to get him a good bike so he can continue to ride over to my house. I went to a cycle shop and the cheapest one was \$195. I'd just like to make my friend happy and his life a bit easier.

Mr. N. W... Mining Journal, Marquette, MI

Dear Mr. W: Your parents are proud of you, partly because you have befriended a man who society has deemed less than desirable. The greatest gifts you can give this man are your time and patience. But if you'd be kind enough to step aside, I'll do the bike thing. My \$200 is on the way. May he always find you at the end of his road.

In Wayne county the burden is on the private law abiding citizen to convince three bureaucrats why he/she (the citizen) should be allowed to have a permit. This despite constitutional provisions at both the state and federal level that at least seem to support Macomb county's approach as it has been implemented by Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marling (D-Mt. Clemens), not Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair's (D-Grosse Pointe) approach.

In fact, Wayne county's approach is clearly open to arbitrary and capricious favoritism. A system where only the rich and the influential are assured of getting a permit to carry. Just analyze the lists of those who have permits. Judges, politicians, persons who carry large sums of money, and the like; not everyday people who

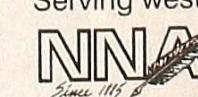


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Letters

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First, is it only by stealing from Social Security that the country is approaching budget surplus. In other words, when the President talks about "saving Social Security first" he means to do so with its own money. This makes for a clever sound bite, but set dangerous precedent.

The entire Social Security system is based on payroll taxes. Expanding that funding base to include general revenues (even through sleight of hand) would tempt Congress to offer unlimited benefits. Sure, there should be a national debate on the structure of Social Security. But changes in funding should come from a broad policy debate, not from a line item in a hastily prepared budget document.

Second, the federal government is spending more, not less. According to Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute, domestic federal spending has shot up 34 percent (adjusted for inflation) in just the last 10 years, compared to a 9 percent rise in family income. But instead of going deeper in the red we spent the Peace Dividend. That is, since 1989, we cut the defense budget while dramatically boosting social spending. As a result, non-defense spending now represents 17.5 of the economy, up from 15% in the 1970s and 10% in the 1960s. Meanwhile, in this New Era of Small Government, no (non-defense) programs of significance have been eliminated. Even today, the administration wants to expand the government's role in health insurance, education and childcare. And Senators, drunk with the smell of surplus, have already littered the Highway Bill with 200 amendments—an average of two per Senator.

If this is small government, pass me a small bowl of cake and ice cream.

But what about taxes? Aren't families paying less of them than ever before?

That's the spin from the administration, but this rhetoric doesn't square with the facts. The federal government's tax take as a percent of national income is at its highest level since World War II. Yes, (according to the Tax Foundation), the median two-income family has a lower income tax bill today than 20 years ago. But skyrocketing payroll taxes have swamped that tax break. In fact, most people pay more payroll tax than income tax. Counting the employer's contribution, 23.6 percent of our median family's income goes is soaked up by payroll taxes combined, compared to 21.4 percent in 1975. Meanwhile, rising state, local and "other" federal taxes have made the total tax burden ever heavier.

So while Washington celebrates the End of Big Government, taxpayers are not yet popping their corks. A true celebration will begin with real spending restraint and real tax reform.

Sincerely,
Richard Collins

Tax advice
is 'don't die'

To the editor:

For business owners who dream of their children taking over the family business, the government has a message for you: Don't die.

This message is delivered via a federal estate tax code that promises to take more

than half of a family's assets when the owner makes the mistake of dying. The new tax law revised the estate tax code, but like much of the tax package, there is less to the estate "tax break" than advertised.

Take the expansion of the \$600,000 exemption to \$1 million. This adjustment simply replaces what was lost to inflation. If the exemption had been adjusted for inflation each year since its inception in 1987, it would have a value almost \$900,000 today. Furthermore, the \$1 million threshold is not reached until 2006.

But even if the latest revisions to estate law are hardly reforms, should we care about taxes on million dollar estates?

Yes. Those most adversely affected by the estate tax are America's farms, ranches and small businesses. These are not the idle rich, but our country's best job creators. Yet, according to the National Federation of Independent Businesses, one-third of today's small business owners thinks their companies will be sold or liquidated just to pay estate taxes.

A survey by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association found that the estate tax impacts the operations of three out of four of its farmers and ranchers. Many of these families are forced to sell land to developers, forgo conservation measures or simply exit the business after generations of working the land.

Because of the destructive nature of the estate tax, the "special" exemption for family owned businesses is especially disappointing. This provision, designed to exempt on-going businesses from the estate tax, provides only minimal relief. The land and equipment nec-

essary to operate even a small farm and ranch can be valued well above the \$1.3 million threshold. Furthermore, the new business exemption is included under the regular estate tax exemption. So as the standard exemption increases, the value of the business exemption declines.

Perhaps worst of all, the new tax bill brings additional complexity to be a complicated estate tax code. There are numerous tests under the new law as to what qualifies as a "family business," and the gradual increase in the exemption makes estate planning more, not less, time consuming and expensive. Ultimately, the real beneficiaries of the new law are accountants and tax attorneys.

Rather than tinker with the estate tax, Congress should eliminate the outrageous practice of confiscating a family's assets at death. The estate tax and the rigors of estate planning divert funds from job-creating enterprises and limit small business growth.

Today, the remaining founders of that Texas ranch are more than 80 years-old. There will be no hope of paying their estate taxes out of cash flow. As a result, ranch land that has been part of the family since 1938 will have to be sold.

The estate tax code is a smorgasbord of punitive measures and economic disincentives. Let's eliminate the estate tax to move toward a tax code that is simple, fair, and less punitive for American families.

Tex Lizar
Chairman
Today Foundation

Lott's right!

To the editor:
Trent Lott said more in his 15-minute Republican re-

sponse than Clinton did in his hour and 20 minutes. Moreover, Lott was right about everything, especially education and taxes.

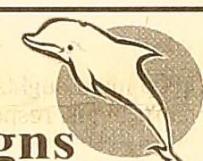
Clinton wants the Federal Government to spend additional billions on education. Lott insists that the taxes be levied by state and local entities with the resulting revenues spent by the local educational authorities. We've known for decades that one-hundred million dollars sent by the states to the Federal Government begets 60 to 65 million to return. Bureaucratization and handling account for the shrinkage. Local boards, parents, teachers, and administrators should direct all uses of tax money for schools, materials, equipment, and salaries. They are unquestionably more able than Washington educational wannabees in establishing curriculum and providing opportunities for the children.

Lott indicated that 38 percent of an average family income is taken by government entities, and that the amount of taxation is confiscatory. Clinton made no suggestion that taxes on the American citizens might be too high.

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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

SEND INFORMATION Items for the Michigan Community Newspapers Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar," Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184. Each brief calendar item should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000.

'LOST IN YONKERS' TRIP The Westland Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) Travel Group will travel to the Meadowbrook Theatre for a performance of *Lost in Yonkers*. Van will leave Friendship Center at 11 a.m. April 29 for lunch and the play. For further information call 722-7632.

FASHION SHOW The Catholic Central Mothers' Club will present a "My Fair Lady" luncheon and fashion show at the Ritz Carleton Hotel in Dearborn on March 29. A social hour will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Fashions will be offered by the Fairlane Town Center. The fundraising event will cost \$37 per person. For reservations or more information call Kathy Snyder at 937-0592.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Retired medical professionals are needed to help with a new hearing screening program for newborns at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Program is being funded by Smiles for Children Project and a grant from the Michigan Hospital Foundation. Interested volunteers are urged to call 1-800-494-1652.

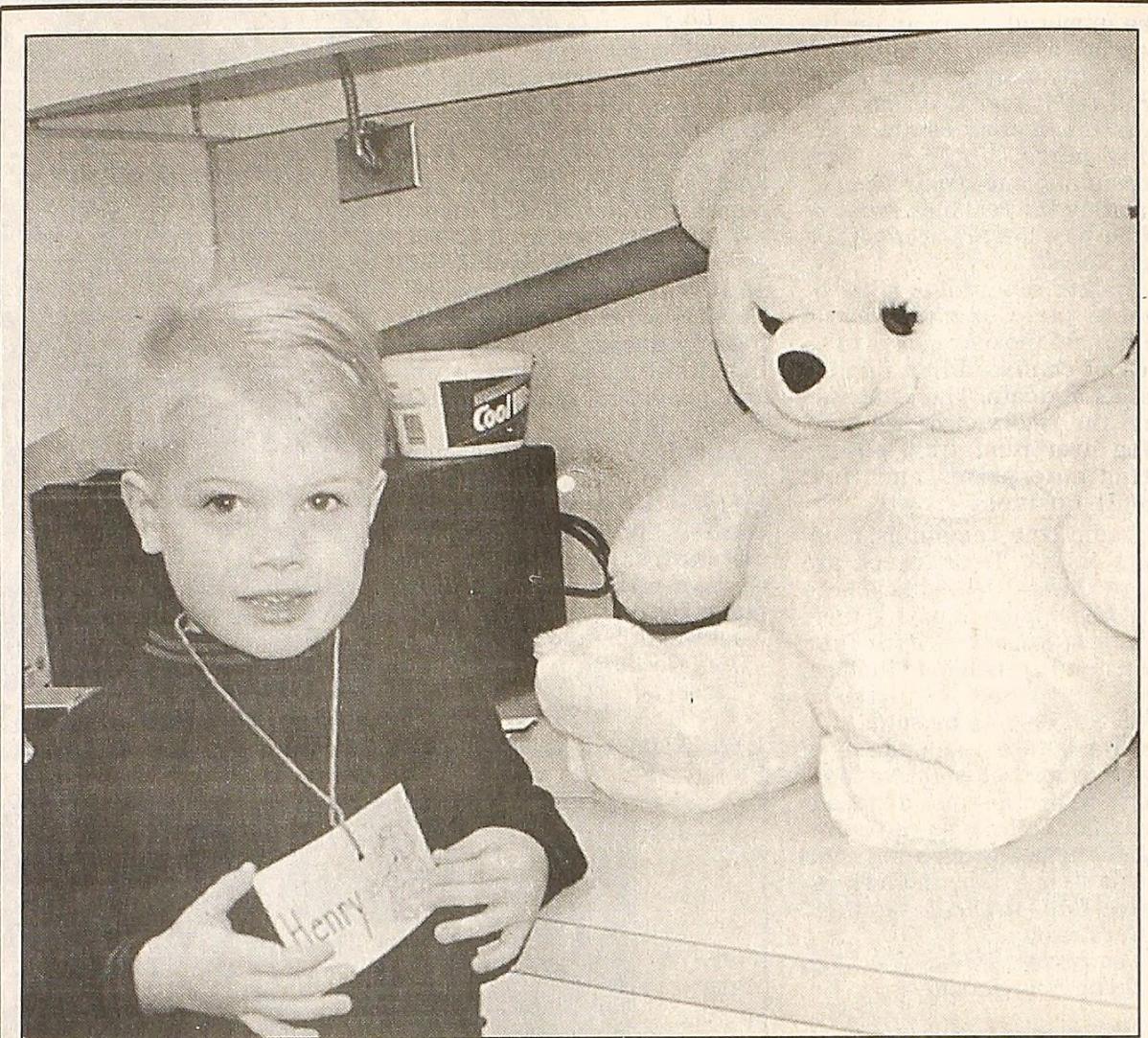
TALENT AUDITIONS The Inkster Summerfest Committee is planning auditions for its summer activity days July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Auditions are slated for 6 p.m. March 12, 4 p.m. March 21 and 3 p.m. April 11 at the Inkster Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt road. For more information call Ruth Williams at 734-728-7530.

BLANCHARD TO SPEAK Former Michigan Gov. James L. Blanchard will outline "Contributions Young People Can Make to Public Service and Public Policy" when he speaks before the 13th Congressional District's Young Democrats. The forum is slated to begin at 10 a.m. March 14 at the Washtenaw Community College's Theatre-Liberal Arts Building, 4800 E. Huron River drive in Ann Arbor. Young voters between the ages of 18 and 35 are urged to attend.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION St. Aloysius Catholic School is accepting registrations for the 1998-99 school year for grades kindergarten through the eighth grade. For more information call principal Dorian Mantei at 941-3340.

The school is located near I-275 and I-94.

PARENTING CLASS A heart



Boy meets bear

Henry Hawley took time to get acquainted with a white Teddy bear before attending story hour at the Wayne Public Library. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

to heart conversation for mothers and daughters on puberty and growing up will be conducted at the Canton Health Building, 1600 S. Canton Center road in Canton from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on May 16 and 17. The class is headed by pediatrician Crystal de Freitas and social worker Eileen Bond. For more information call 800-231-2211.

FREE TAX HELP The Michigan Association of CPAs is offering a free call in service on Michigan and federal tax questions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 21. Call 888-824-2CPA to speak to a volunteer CPA.

GIRL SCOUT BADGE A program for Brownies and Girl Scouts to earn a "Be Your Best" health and fitness merit badge is being offered by St. Mary Hospital of Livonia in collaboration with Madonna University from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 28 at Madonna University. For more information call 800-494-1650.

INTERNET FOR SENIORS A course is being offered from 1 to 4 p.m. March 17 and 24 in Room H-337 of the Health Careers Education Center at Henry Ford Community College's main campus at 5101 Evergreen road in Dearborn. The cost is \$89 for Dearborn School District residents and \$98 for non-residents. For more information call 313-730-5964.

CAREER DISCOVERY DAY will include a "What's This Job All About?" look at a variety of

jobs and careers at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne road in Wayne. Program will begin at 10 a.m. March 14.

ET, CALL THE LIBRARY Information on UFO's will be offered by astronomer Mike Best at the Wayne Public Library at 3737 S. Wayne road in Wayne from 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 24. The program is presented by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

NORTHVILLE DOWNS TRIP will begin at 6 p.m. March 16 from the Westland Friendship Center. A buffet is slated at 7 p.m. and the harness races begin at 7:40 p.m. The approximate time of return is 11 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING BALL is being sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 27 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy road in Westland. Dress is listed as casually elegant (black tie optional). Tickets cost \$75 per person.

SELF ESTEEM PROGRAM will be conducted from 3 to 5:30 p.m. March 20 at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne road in Romulus. A reception is planned to preview a collection of materials relating to self esteem. The program is sponsored by the Detroit Area Task Force on Self Esteem and the Wayne County Library.

FREE HEALTH FAIR for senior citizens in southern

Wayne County will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. April 1 at the American House Retirement Residence, 1901 Southfield road. "Ask Your Neighbor" radio host Bob Allison will be in attendance. Free tests will include blood pressure, glucose, vision and cholesterol. For more information call Julie Candler a 248-354-5265.

CERAMIC AND DOLL EXPO

'98 will be held from noon to 5 p.m. April 3 at the Gibraltor Trade Center of Taylor. Admission will be \$4. Other shows are planned for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 4 and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 5.

CABLE VIEWING Time Warner Cable will begin showing today two hour Wayne Citizens Task Force meetings on Channel 12 at 5 p.m. each Thursday. The Task Force was created by the Wayne City Council to investigate the problems raised by Councilwoman Shirley Powser.

FUND RAISER for Romulus schools choirs, dance and drama classes. Romulus residents will be called over the next three weeks and asked to purchase pizzas, trash bags, etc. Also items will be delivered free to purchaser's home.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES are now taking registrations for Men's, Women's and Co-ed leagues at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe road from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Cost is \$395 a team with no residency requirements. For

more information call Keith Alexander at 721-7400.

THE CASHIER comedy will be offered by the Ypsilanti Players beginning April 17 at the Little Theater in Historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 120 N. Huron St. in Ypsilanti. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Further information can be obtained by calling 487-PLAY. Showtimes are at 8 p.m.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. An attorney will be on hand to discuss a multitude of issues including child custody, child support, false charges etc. For more information call 248-354-3080.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets at 10:15 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Parkview room (September through June) at the Senior Center, Summit on the Park in Canton. Shuttle for handicapped in the East Parking Lot.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY is slated for noon to 4 p.m. March 19 in the banquet area of The Summit of Canton. Buffet luncheon and entertainment by Johnny Chase will be offered.

SCULPTOR LECTURE Sculptor Richard Hunt will give an illustrated lecture at 6:30 p.m. March 16 in Lecture Room C, School of Management Building at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The lecture is free and open to the public. Hunt has created more than 100 large-scale sculptures for American cities, college campuses and corporate sites, including Giant Steps located outside Detroit's Receiving Hospital.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM The Westland Chamber of Commerce is planning its annual State Legislative Forum at 8 a.m. March 13 at the Cafe Marquette in the William Ford Career Tech Center at 36455 Marquette. A full breakfast is offered for \$8. Speakers will include State Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) and State Rep. Eileen DeHart (D-Westland) and State Rep. Thomas Kelly (D-Wayne). Call 326-7222 for reservations.

BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE SEMINAR will be conducted from 6 to 10 p.m. May 4 to 13 in Room D-174 of Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (between Outer Drive and Warren road). Cost is \$160 for Dearborn students and \$176 for non-residents. For more information call Judy Gardner at 313-730-5964.

FREE COMPUTER CLASS will be held at 7 p.m. March 12 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, two blocks south of Main St. To register call 248-349-3020.

THE WIZARD OF OZ shows will be offered by the Paper Bag Productions at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson st., Detroit. Lunches will begin at noon Saturdays

with the show following an hour later and Sundays lunches will be 1 p.m. and the show beginning at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$7.50 each (including lunch). To make reservations call 810-662-8118.

HEIDI productions will be offered by the Junior Theatre will be offered at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt rd., Ann Arbor at 7:30 p.m. March 26-27. Two other sessions will be conducted at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. March 28. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$5 for children and students through high school. Call 313-994-2300, ext. 23 for more information.

MOON OVER BUFFALO A hysterical farce *Moon Over Buffalo* will be offered with dinner at 6:30 p.m. March 20-21 and March 27 and 28 at the Schoolcraft College Theatre, 18600 Haggerty road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275. Tickets cost \$19 for the dinner theatre. On April 3 and 4 the play only will be offered at 8 p.m. at a cost of \$8. Call 313-462-4409 for information.

CALLIGRAPHERS TO MEET

The Michigan Association of Calligraphers will conduct a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 16 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association at 1516 S. Cranbrook in Birmingham. A veteran calligrapher Jean Formo will be the guest speaker. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

CIVITAN EASTER EGG HUNT

Hundreds of cottontails (also known as marshmallows) will be sprinkled on the ground in Central City Park of Westland for the 4 p.m. April 10 egg hunt for Westland youth. Three age groups will take part: 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9. Marshmallows can be turned in for small bags of Easter goodies. Program is sponsored by the Westland Civitan, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and Westland Parks and Recreation.

KITE FLY A kite making and flying activity is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. May 2 at Pavilion 2 in Central City Park (Marquette entrance). Youngsters may bring their own kite or purchase a kit for \$2.50 from the Four Seasons Kite Club. The rain date is May 16. The program is sponsored by the kite club and the Westland Parks and Recreation.

BEGINNERS GENEALOGY

class will be conducted April 8 and 15 at the Wayne Senior Activity Center for those seeking to learn how to check out their family tree. There is an \$8 pre-paid fee. For more information call 721-7460.

MICHIGAN BOOK ARTISTS are invited to submit one of their works created in the last five years for a fall 1998 exhibit. Books need to be submitted between March 15 and May 1. Works will be previewed and applicants will be notified of final acceptance. For further information call James Fox at 734-764-9377.

CALENDAR FORM

The Michigan Community Newspapers want to assist you in publicizing your upcoming event. Carefully fill in the following information form and mail it to the Community Calendar, c/o the Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. 48184.

You may also fax the item to 313-729-6088. Deadline is the Friday before publication. Call 729-4000, ext. 43 for further information.

Event: _____

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Plant tour

Members of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce toured the Wayne Assembly Plant recently. Their guide (left) gave last minute instructions before the tour began. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

News from area churches

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Funds for the hungry given to 4 agencies

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Last year's Crop Walk effort by 356 volunteer walkers paid off big for the hungry serviced by four Romulus-Belleville area agencies last week.

Veteran Crop Walk organizer Father John Hagan and Hanna Anthony, his co-coordinator of the area October walk for the hungry, turned out at the four service agencies last week and presented their leaders with similar \$1,756 checks to continue their work with the needy for another year.

Recipients of the Crop Walk checks were the Helping Hand Thrift Store of Romulus, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Belleville, The Belleville Emergency Food Closet and the food pantry of the Belleville Church of God.

Calling the 1997 Crop Walk volunteers the most dedicated ever, Hagan reminded residents that 25 percent of the money collected for the hungry stays in the communities where it is collected.

The remainder is circulated nationwide and around the world, where hunger is even more extreme.

"We had representatives from eight very dedicated churches, who increased the total giving by 40 percent" over the previous year, Hagan said.

The eight churches included Trinity Episcopal Church, the Community United Methodist Church, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church, Faith United Methodist Church, Belleville Church of God, Sumpter Church of God and the First United Method-

ist Church of Belleville.

Hagan said the check deliveries are the true testament of the Crop Walk effort because "we then know that a lot of people will live better lives because of what he did."

The veteran Crop Walk leader explained one of the greatest things about the Christian effort is that the volunteers often never see the faces of those they aid, but they are touched by the countless stories of those who have received such help.

Hagan no sooner finishes the paperwork on one year's food drive, when he already is planning the next.

So it is this year as efforts are already underway for the 1998 Crop Walk that will be held Oct. 4.

Both Hagan and Anthony have built up such a strong service image with the public that leaders of newer Crop Walk efforts in Michigan have called on them for advice.

Local organizers are also hopeful that other Belleville-Romulus churches will join the effort here later this year.

The Rev. Rita Talley of the First Baptist Church of Romulus will offer the annual sermon that will climax the 1998 Romulus Pastors Association Good Friday procession and Lenten Service at Romulus Historical Park.

This year the procession will travel in a reverse direction -- starting at Mary Banks Memorial Park (next to the Romulus Wesleyan Church) and traveling down Goddard road through downtown Romulus to the Romulus Post Office, where the group will turn and conclude at the historical

park.

In earlier years the procession began at the post office and concluded at the park (then known as Kennedy Park).

The procession switch was made to accommodate the hundreds of Christians via a use of park benches at the historical park, the Rev. Brad Lewis of the Community United Church, said Tuesday.

As usual those in the procession will join in singing classic and modern Lenten hymns and songs. The walking group of Christians will be preceded by a trailer bearing a keyboard music unit.

A meeting conducted Monday night to fine tune some of the technical links to the march also revealed that special music will be provided by Tammy Bingham of the Romulus Church of God, the Rev. Artie Norwood of the First Baptist Church of Romulus and Aaron Swanger, a local Christian musician.

One other change in this year's service, Lewis said, is that there will be no distribution of the communion elements.

The Rev. David Strong, pastor of the First United Method-

ist Church of Belleville, reminds long time area residents "Lent used to be a time when people were asked to give up something."

Those days have passed, he said, and thus he urges residents to instead add something to their lives during the 40-day period.

"A spiritual discipline of prayer, reading Upper Room meditations, writing letters or calling persons who need spiritual support or enjoying an uplifting book are just some of the ways to make the Easter season more eventful this year," he said.

The Romulus Community Methodist Church is seeking a part-time music director to direct the church's choir and play contemporary praise and traditional Christian music 6-8 hours a week. Applicants should be familiar in playing a piano or digital/electronic piano. Those interested should call 734-941-0736.

The Lutheran Hour Ministries 1997 animated television special "The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery" has won a Silver Angel Award from the Excellence in Media organization in Hollywood.



NEWS & NOTES FROM SMART

Play It Safe And SMART This St. Patrick's Day.

Statistics show nearly half of the traffic fatalities that occur on St. Patrick's Day are alcohol related.

To help reduce this alarming trend,

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After 6:00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, **SMART** will be offering free bus rides to anyone in our tri-county service area. If you're going to drink, please use this free service. Because it's up to all

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Honoree seeking greener pastures



What does Wayne do for a city employee who has put in 27 years of service?

It thanks him.

With cameras flashing away and a full chamber of the city council as a backdrop, Wayne mayor Kenneth Warfield presented former city employee Ronald Mason with a plaque in appreciation for the many years he served the city, at the council meeting on March 3.

Mason, who recently retired, spent 19 years as a member of the Personnel Board and another 9 years with the Housing Commission. With all those who showed up to congratulate him, and the applause that filled the chamber, it was obvious that Mason's time and service have left a lasting impression with the many people who have been fortunate enough to have worked with him, including Mayor Warfield.

"This gentleman has put as much volunteer time in this community as any individual I know? We certainly appreciate it," Warfield said, as he posed for photographs with Mason.

Mason, who accepted the plaque alongside his wife Joan, was calm as he reflected upon his career with the city, as well as the many city council meetings which were sometimes a virtual battlefield.

"I take this greatly to my heart," Mason told the city staff and citizens of Wayne. "For the thirty-some years we lived in the city of Wayne, I've always thought it to be upbeat. We didn't always agree a lot of times at the meetings, but when we left the meetings, we left with a handshake and a smile and we looked forward to meeting the next time."

Although the focus was on him, Mason made sure to laud the performance of other city employees.

"Our department services when we lived in Wayne, whenever I had experiences with them, I always happened to thank them. And folks, I wanna tell you, the city of Wayne has nothing to take a backseat for with the city administration and city services, because we were 100%," Mason said.

"We take his [Mason] comments about the professionalism of the staff and the various departments to heart. We appreciate you very much," said city manager John Zech, noting Mason had served with nearly every personnel director in the city's history.

Mason, who was known for his no-nonsense approach on the job, seemed unemotional and casual as Warfield handed him the plaque. Jokingly, Warfield even had to coerce him into smiling for the photographers. Yet, his words showed how much the city's gesture meant to him.

"I appreciated all the people and I appreciate this," Mason said as he looked at the plaque. "And this will go in my office."

The Masons, seeking a less congested life, recently moved away from Wayne to the farmlands of southern neighbor Romulus. Those who have known and worked with him, were a bit saddened when he left.

"We hated to see you move, but we know you wanted to get out there to greener pastures," Warfield told Mason. To which Mason replied, "It's like the old saying: You can take the boy off the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the boy."

Navy Seaman Charles A. Peters, son of Charles A. and Rose E. Peters of Inkster, recently returned to his home port of Bremerton, Wash., after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the fleet oiler USS Sacramento.

The 1997 graduate of Inkster High School joined the Navy in

July 1997.

Marine Cpl. David C. Smith, son of Linda C. Drury of Canton, recently returned to his home base of Camp Pendleton, Calif., after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf, with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron

164, part of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 1993 graduate of Canton High School joined the Marine Corps in February 1994.

Navy Fireman Arthur D.

Meadows, son of Robert A. Meadows of Westland, is now able to communicate daily with friends and family state-side via a website while on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Carney.

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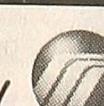
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A lost cause

No miracles as Romulus beats Wayne finishes second to Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus got the job done against Wayne Thursday night, but unfortunately for the Eagles and Coach Guy DeGiudice didn't get the miracle it needed to finish atop of the standings as Belleville fell to top state-ranked River Rouge in the Mega Conference Red Division basketball finales.

Consequently, Romulus (10-2) wound up second-best to Rouge in the Mega Red. Rouge (11-1) finished with the title.

standing on offense and played a crucial role on defense.

The 6-2 point guard kept his team in the game, scoring a season best 31 points, four of them treys, to lead all scorers.

Williams, however, did not have much of a supporting cast as Jamar Davis was the only other Wayne player to score in double figures. Jamar added 13.

Wayne led after one (14-12), but the Eagles came back on an array of baskets by Reggie Kirkland, Melvin Hicks, and

Robert Collins.

At the half, Romulus had a slim 28-25 lead, but the Eagles came back from the locker room and went on a 9-0 run which quickly lifted them to a 12-point edge that seemed to stay on the scoreboard every time you looked up.

"That 9-0 run in the third quarter," noted Wayne Memorial coach Chuck Henry, "I felt was the key. Although our kids did not quit, you felt that the game was getting away from us."

Although no one Romulus

player could touch Williams' individual effort, the Eagles' balanced scoring gave them the edge and their 10th divisional victory in 12 starts.

Kirkland made his return to the starting lineup with a team high 14 points, while Collins and Melvin Hicks each scored 13 points and Brandon DeYampert had 10 points for the evening.

The Eagles also picked up 14 (of 20) points from the free throw line where Wayne had 10 of 18.

At the state of the week, Ro-

mulus had a 16-4 record and is considered the favorite to win the Class B district championship at Carleton Airport where action began Monday night.

DeGiudice says that this has to be the year of the Eagles.

"With seven seniors in our lineup, it is now or never," DeGiudice stressed. "It is something we have worked for over the years. It has to be now."

The Eagles were scheduled to begin shooting in the dis-

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Salem makes it a grand hoop slam

Tigers fall to Rouge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Sweat-drenched River Rouge needed a second half rally to stop upset-minded Belleville in the finale of the Mega Conference Red Division season.

Rouge, considered the premier team of any of the four classes in Michigan, struggled against the host in the early stages of the game before Brent Darby & Company came back after the intermission and outscored the Tigers 42-28 to put a wrap on 77-58 victory and the Red Division basketball title.

"They just wore us down in that second half," said Belleville coach Rod Fisher. "I thought we played a pretty good first half, but they (Rouge) have a very talented and balanced team this year. "We had difficulty matching up with them, especially in the inside."

In their inaugural year as a conference affiliate, Rouge compiled a 11-1 record to win the title and end Wayne Memorial's monopoly. Wayne had captured the last three titles in the conference.

However, Rouge's championship is tainted and comes in the wake of a state investigation.

Rouge coach Lamonta Stone and assistant coach Joe Emery, who serves as the high school's athletic director, have been suspended for the rest of the season by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for alleged violations of recruiting.

The MHSAA is the august body that oversees high school sports in the state of Michigan.

The apparent infractions led to the suspensions of the two top Rouge coaches. The investigation continues and the suspensions reportedly have been upheld by the courts.

Neither Stone or Emery will be able to coach the Panthers during the post-season.

Rouge is considered the team to beat in Class B.

Now, back to the Belleville game.

With Belleville's John Edwards and C.J. Grantham generating the play-making and scoring power in the first half, the Tigers found themselves very much in the game and trailing only by five (35-30) at the half.

But the Panthers came back with a vengeance after the intermission and, led by Darby and Duez Henderson, the reigning champs went on a 12-3 run that left their hosts trailing by a dozen after three periods.

Belleville's weary offense became a non-factor in the final period as Rouge built up a



Westland John Glenn's Reggie Spearman (5) found the air space to the Salem hoop crowded when he attempted this drive-in layup. Spearman became the man-in-the-middle, sandwiched between Salem's enforcer Ben Szczepanski (52) and Rob Jones (20), who manage not only to squeeze the junior Rocket guard out of the shot but also from the picture. Salem avenged its lone loss in the conference this season, inflicted by the Westlanders, by scoring the winning basket in the final five seconds. The 65-64 Salem victory made it a clean sweep for the Rocks in the conference. They shared their division title (with Glenn) and also captured the conference and playoff titles. Special MCN sports photo

In its inaugural season in Mega White, Robichaud wins hoop title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In its first year in the re-aligned conference, Robichaud and coach Monte Dennard proved they were the class of the Mega Conference White Division.

On Friday, Robichaud buried traditionally-tough hoop power Dearborn Fordson 77-58 to lock up the division title.

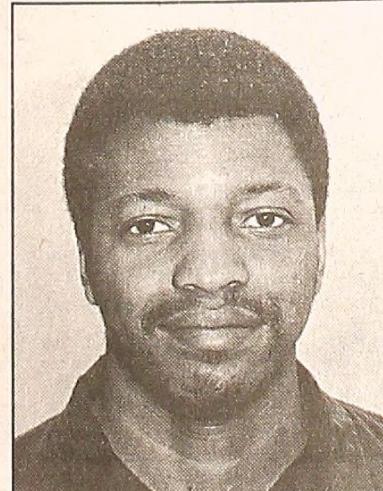
The victory over the Tractors gave Dennard's Bulldogs a 10-2 record and the championship outright.

The newly-crowned champs entered the Class B district playoffs on Monday with a 15-5 overall record.

"It's always good to win a title," said the veteran Robichaud coach, who starred at Robichaud during the 1970s. "This (winning the title) was one of our goals. Our second goal is to go as far as we can in the state playoffs."

The district tournament at Robichaud began Monday night with Annapolis and Thurston kicking off the March Madness frenzy.

Robichaud began its shoot-out Tuesday night against nat-



Monte Dennard

ural rival, Inkster, and the winner will await the survivor of the Crestwood vs. Divine Child game in the semifinals.

The semi will be played at 6 tonight. The championship will be decided at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Dearborn Divine Child, Crestwood and Willow Run also have been assigned to the Robichaud district.

Against Fordson, Robichaud's balance scoring attack and their dominance of the boards played pivotal roles in

the Bulldogs' victory.

Three Robichaud players scored in double figures: Senior forward Jason Malloy hammered the boards for 11 rebounds and 10 points, while teammates Damon Williams and Peter Brooks devastated the Fordson defense with their quick moves to the hoop.

Playing less than three-quarters, Williams scored 13 points and Brooks collected 11. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Here are the pairings for the Class B District playoffs for the Robichaud district:

Monday, March 9
6:00 p.m. Annapolis (A) vs. Thurston(B)

Tuesday, March 10
6:30 p.m. Divine Child (C) vs. Crestwood (D)
7:30 p.m. Robichaud (E) vs. Inkster (F)

Wednesday, March 11
6:30 p.m. Willow Run vs. Winner A-B

Thursday, March 12
6:00 p.m. Winner of C-D vs. Winner of E-F

Saturday, March 14
2 p.m. Championship game

In epic game, Rocks steal one from Glenn

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It will go down in the books as an epic high school basketball game that was decided in the final seconds...

And Plymouth-Salem's Matt Mair will probably never forget that move which freed him for a layup that led to the decisive basket in a 65-64 Salem victory played out before a throng of Glenn-Salem fans whose ear-shattering shouts echoed throughout the standing-room-only neutral gym at Livonia Churchill Friday night.

Mair bolted for the basket, received the pass launched from Jeff McKian's hands. McKian was standing atop of the key pondering whether he should take the shot. He then saw Mair on the break and the rest is now epic history.

The Salem victory gave the Rocks a "grand slam" in the conference this year.

Coach Bob Brodie's team shared the division title, won the conference championship outright, then came back and beat the only team that beat them in their division for the playoff title.

With 18 seconds left, and the Western Lakes Conference playoff title on the block, Glenn's Ty Haygood scored what appeared to be the proverbial handwriting-on-the-wall basket.

Salem was on the edge.

But the Rocks refused to be beaten again by the only team that has accomplished the feat in the conference.

With Salem's floor general Andy Power on the bench in pain suffered in a fall during the final 50 seconds, the focus suddenly centered around senior forward Jeff McKian who stood with the ball and had 17 seconds to decide what he wanted to do with it.

McKian made the right decision.

Mair, hugging the baseline as he raced toward the hoop and screaming for the ball got it at the right time. Without delay McKian fired the ball to his teammate who sprung to the basket and put it into the net

It was a game with no losers, it was a game that I also felt no one had a complete run of.

- Mike Schuette

with only five seconds to spare. There was no time for Glenn to retaliate.

"It was a game with no losers," said Glenn coach Mike Schuette. "It was a game that I also felt no one had a complete run of."

Salem coach Bob Brodie agreed with Schuette's analysis.

"It is unfortunate that someone had to lose - and obviously I am elated that we won - but there were two great teams out there tonight and it was a game that neither team will soon forget."

Or coach?

The victory gave Brodie and the Rocks a "grand slam" in the conference this year. They shared the Western Lakes Divisional title with Glenn, won the conference title, then picked up the third gem for their conference crown with the victory in the playoff championship.

The playoff format has only been in existence for two years, Brodie later explained.

The playoff victory, however, may have cost the Rocks the services of their senior captain Andy Power, who twisted the ankle with 50 seconds left in the game. Brodie said that Power "is on the doubtful list for the playoffs and whether he will be available for the series will depend on how fast he responds to treatment."

"I have left everything in the hands of our trainer."

Salem was scheduled to play Novi Monday night at the district which Novi is hosting. The first-round winner goes up against Plymouth Canton on Wednesday.

The championship will be decided at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

In the playoff finale, Glenn

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Belleville, Salem advance in playoffs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With Jeff McKian, to provide the Rocks with more than half of their points.

Mair, who scored the last basket to beat Glenn on Friday, came back with a game-high 17 points against Novi. McKian, who fed his teammate the pass that led to the winning basket against the Rockets, scored 14 points against Novi. Teammate

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took a slim 21-19 edge after one period thanks to a gutsy performance by Eric Jones, who the Rocks couldn't stop.

Salem came back and tied it at 32 at the half, then gained an, 48-45, for three period, setting the stage for the suspense in the stretch.

When the senior captain came down on the ankle and laid on the floor in excruciating pain, the balance of power was appeared to shift in the Rockets' favor.

But unfortunately Glenn could not take advantage.

"We are a team of interchangeable parts," said Power later. "I just knew we were going to win."

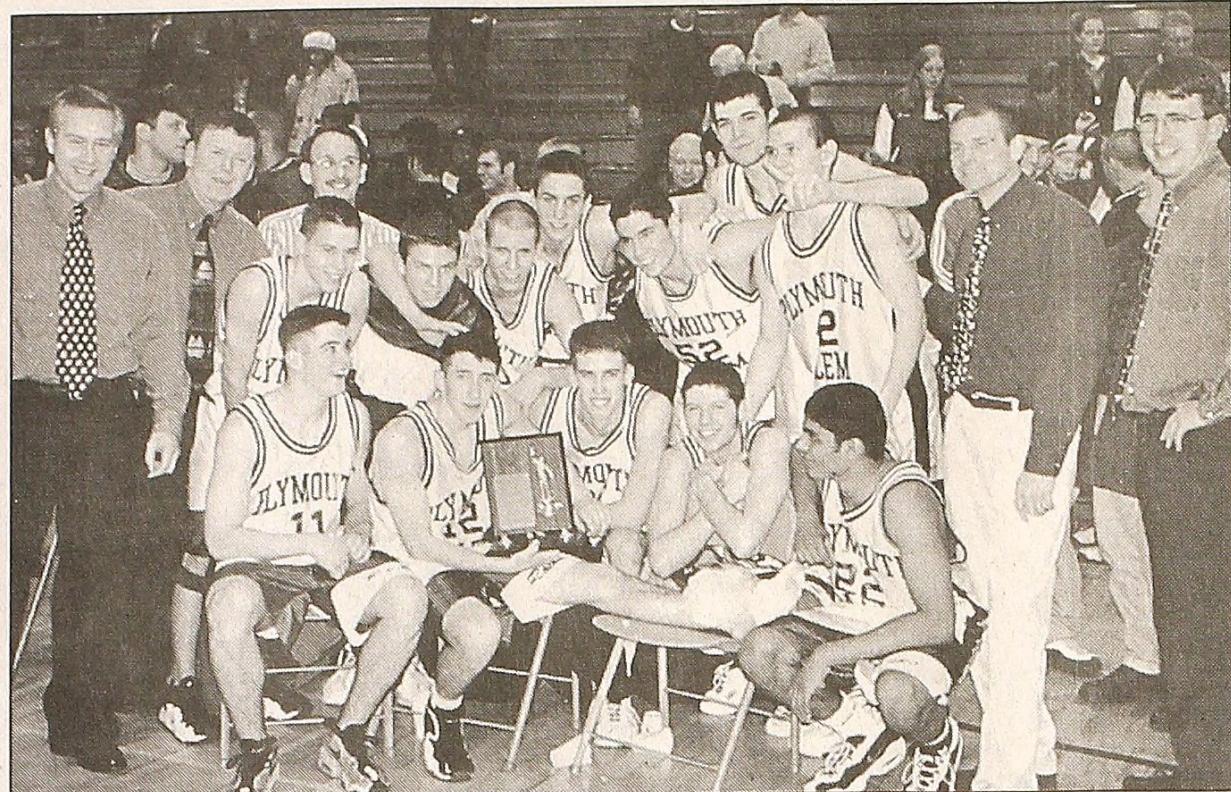
Power contributed 11 points before he left the floor. Teammates Bhavin Patel and Aaron Rypkowski each added 10 for the champs who had problems at the free throw line where they canned only four of 12.

Jones, who is peaking at the right time - he also scored a game-high 29 points in Glenn's 69-59 victory over Walled Lake Central in the semis - came back with 26 points against the Rocks, three of those three-pointers.

Glenn also received 12 points from Stephan Lawson and Haygood contributed 10 for the Rockets who made 14 of 21 free throws.

Haygood teamed with center Yaku Moton to grab a total of 18 rebounds in the game.

In the semis, the Westlanders broke open a close game in the final period with a 25-18 scoring edge. Central led after one, 19-14, but the



A grateful Salem ball club and coaching staff (pictured above) were all smiles over pulling out a victory over Westland John Glenn, but when team members were asked to take pictures after the game, they requested a change of venue - from the floor to the sideline so that their injured captain, Andy Power, could participate in the awards' presentation ceremony. So, school officials brought in some chairs and Power (seated with ice pack on ankle) got into the photo session. However, because of the severity of the injury, the senior guard is doubtful for the district playoffs, according to coach Bob Brodie. Special MCN sports photo

Rockets cut Central's lead to 35-33 at the half.

In a meticulously played third stanza, Glenn went up by three after outscoring their conference rivals, 11-6, in the third period. Schuette and his Rockets got some breathing room when Central failed to answer eight Glenn points in the first minute of the final period.

Jones' 26 were tops for the game. Haygood had 10, while Moton picked off a dozen rebounds to go along with his seven points.

Glenn drew a bye in the first round of the Class A district playoffs at Belleville. The Rockets were scheduled on Wednesday to play Belleville, which beat Garden City in the Monday night opener.

The championship will be decided at 7 p.m. Friday.

In the meantime, Plymouth-Salem and their natural rivals, Canton, clashed in the semifinals at Novi after Salem disposed Novi in the opening round Monday.

The district title will be decided beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Friday at Novi.

Here is the district pairings for the Novi Tournament:

Monday, March 9

7:30 p.m. Plymouth-Salem (A) vs. Novi(B)

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. Livonia Churchill vs. Northville

7:45 p.m. Plymouth-Canton vs. Winner of A-B

Friday, March 13

7:00 p.m. Championship Game

Romulus

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district last night (Wednesday). Romulus clashed with the winner of the Monroe Jefferson-New Boston Huron game.

Here is the pairings for the districts at Airport:

Monday, March 9

6:00 p.m. New Boston Huron (A) vs. Monroe Jefferson (B)

7:45 p.m. Airport(C) vs. Monroe St. Mary's CC(D)

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. Romulus vs. Winner A-B

7:45 p.m. Carlson vs. Winner C-D

Thursday, March 12

7 p.m. Championship Game

Tigers

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15-point cushion.

Grantham and Kevin Edwards scored 12 points each for the Tigers while John Edwards, Kevin's cousin, added 10.

The Tigers ended the regular season with a 7-13 overall record and were scheduled to play Garden City Monday night in the first round of the Class A

District Playoffs which they are the designated hosts.

If Belleville should surface the winner against Garden City, the Tigers will advance to the semifinals (Wednesday night) where they will find an outstanding Westland John Glenn waiting for them.

In the other bracket, Wayne Memorial clashed with Livonia Franklin Tuesday night and the winner will qualify for the championship round scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday (March 13).

Playoffs

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Tony Jancevski added six.

Novi drilled four treys in the first half to give coach Bob Brodie's cluba run for their money in the first half. Salem was without the services of their injured senior captain, Andy Power, who was on the bench with a severe ankle sprain.

Salem led by one (18-17) at the half, but outscored their hosts 16-9 in the third period to widen the margin to 34-26. They never relinquished the lead.

Salem was scheduled to play natural rival, Canton, yesterday, in the semis. The winner will advance to the championship round on Friday.

Belleville cousins John and Kevin Edwards, joined by C.J. Grantham, paced the Tiger assault against the visitors. John scored a team-high 16 points while Kevin added 14. Grantham finished with 10.

Garden City cashed in on 17 points from Dan Fairchild, who was the game's leading scorer.

Belleville's semifinal opponent was Westland John Glenn, which, although it lost to Salem in the Western Lakes Conference playoffs, has momentum going into the tournament.

Fisher must find a way to stop ball-handling wizard and sharpshooter Eric Jones if the Tigers hope to reach the finals. Jones has scored more than 50 points in his last two outings.

The championship at Belleville will be decided at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Attention**Wayne softball managers**

ter, 4635 Howe Road.

The breakdown for the leagues and the evenings teams will be playing are as follows: Monday - Women's League; Tuesday - Men's Class C/D Leagues; Wednesday - Co-

ed League and the Men's Over 40; Thursday - Men's Class C/D League; and Friday - Men's Class D/E Men's over 40.

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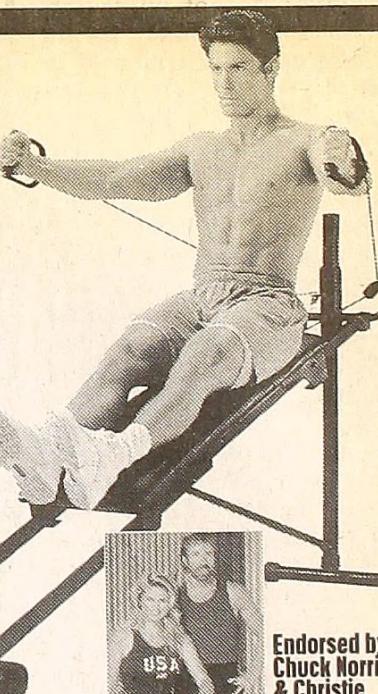
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Tax time around the corner

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
MCN Special Writer

Just when the warm glow of the holiday season begins to fade, Americans are jolted back to cold reality with the delivery of the Internal Revenue Service tax forms in the mail.

Congressional actions to introduce new management standards at the IRS have captured national headlines, but the complex tax code itself has not been streamlined or simplified.

"Fixing the IRS is the easy part, and the real problem lies in the Byzantine nature of the tax code itself," wrote the *New York Times* recently.

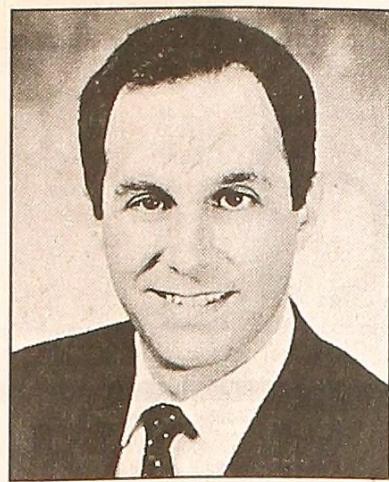
The new roles and new options in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the largest tax cut in 16 years, bring a host of benefits to individuals but they have not reduced the complex nature of the Federal Tax Code.

For millions of Americans who need to know about the capital gains tax rate reduction or how home sales and tuition tax breaks affect their returns, the *American Express Tax Guide 1998* comes to the rescue.

Published by Harper Business for \$12.95, the tax guide presents all the information readers need to report their incomes, claim their deductions and credits and determine how much they owe or if they can look forward to a refund. Using jargon-free language, it takes taxpayers line-by-line through preparing a 1040 form and includes convenient listing of the most commonly used supplementary forms and schedules. The schedules and forms can be easily removed from the book, filled out and mailed to the IRS -- further streamlining taxpayers' efforts.

The book also alerts readers to strategies that can help them nail down a deduction, take advantage of an opportunity or avoid common errors that can cost them money or trigger an audit. Changes in the tax law, as well as cases and court rulings that can have an impact on an individual's return are highlighted with a "new for 1997" flag.

Craig Minnick, spokesperson for the tax guide, is managing director for American Express Tax and Business Services and serves as team leader for the Manufacturing and Distribution team. He is a CPA and attorney and has more than 20 years of experience in the area of taxation, trusts, estate planning, corporations, IRS and state tax audits and partnerships.



Craig Minnick

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE AND HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard has existed consisting of refuse at the curb area of a vacated residence, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on the following property commonly known as 33745 Clinton Street, property no. 017-03-0070-000.

The refuse problem on the property was corrected on an emergency basis. By order of the City Manager, the cost of the clean-up will be assessed to the owner of record.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Doris A. Nall
City Clerk

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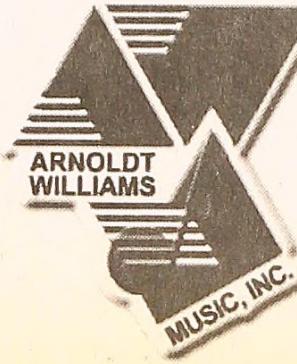
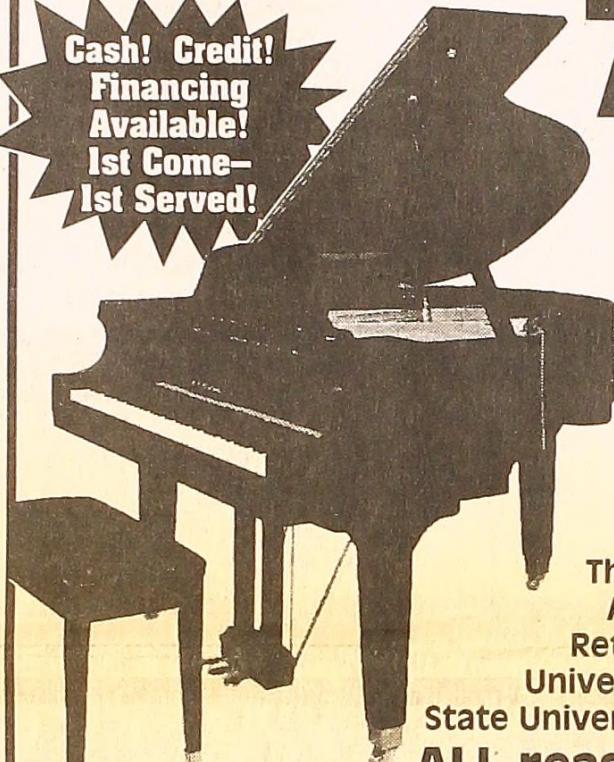
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CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 23, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

William Oakley, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-084

A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the Romulus City Council meeting held February 9, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-085

*3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve a No Fee Permit for St. Aloysius Church to display a temporary sign for Lenten Fish Dinners until April 3, 1998.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-086

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of William "Albert" Horne.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Romak. Motion Carried.

98-087

4B Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Raymond F. Dziedzic.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-088

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 97/98-20 as follows:

FUND/DEPT ACCOUNT NO	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND Police 101-301.00-730.000	Operating Supplies	43,000	4,366	47,366
FUND BALANCE General Fund	AVAILABLE	197,439	APPROPRIATE 4,366	REMAINING AVAILABLE 193,073

To appropriate funds for the boarding of confiscated horses due to animal cruelty.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-089

5B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to adopt a commemorative resolution to Ball Road Tabernacle acknowledging 60 years of spiritual impact and influence in the community of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-090

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to Concur with the Recommendation of Richard Marsh Jr., Planning and Community Director and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 1998/1999 Community Development Block Grant Allocation as follows:

Cory Elementary School-tutoring for low income students \$10,425.00
Wayne-Metropolitan Community Services-home maintenance assistance for low and moderate income seniors and physically challenged residents 10,425.00

Romulus Progressive Association-to meet Americans with disabilities requirements for existing restrooms 8,000.00
Community Development Department-staff to assist with housing services related to Block Grants 22,450.00

Housing Rehabilitation-for low income citizens 52,800.00

Historic Home Rehabilitation-Kingsley historic home, final phase of rehabilitation 21,000.00

Administration-of Community Development Block Grant Program 13,900.00

98-091

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. No action taken.

98-092

5E1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce an Amendment to Chapter 33, Article I, Section 33-4 Subdivision Regulations of the Romulus City Code of Ordinances by adding definitions and with the addition of Article VI to provide provision for land splits

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER 1998 BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL MEET AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 Middlebelt Road, on the following days for the purpose of hearing the complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by the assessments made against their property.

Monday, March 16, 1998

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

and

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

and

3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Additional meetings, if needed, will be held at the discretion of the Board of Review.

Please refer to your last tax bill for Legal Description and Tax Code Number.

PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT (313) 563-4271.

Delphine G. Oden
Inkster City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan
48141

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March 12, 1998

GENERAL CONTRACT BIDS FOR WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTER

Westwood Community School District will receive sealed bids for the above-mentioned project.

Bids Due: Bids will be accepted no later than: Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. local time. Deliver bids to:

Attention: Mr. William Routhier, Business Manager
Westwood Community School District
29512 Annapolis
Inkster, MI 48141

General Description: Renovation of the Annex Building, 3335 S. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, MI

Project Schedule: It is critical to the Owner that the office/meeting room areas of the Project be ready for Owner's occupancy on or before July 31, 1998. The remainder of the Project shall be substantially complete on or before September 30, 1998. The successful bidder shall take every precaution to ensure that adequate materials and labor are available and committed to meeting the completion dates.

Obtaining Bid Documents: Bid documents are available for review at, and may be obtained from, the office of the Architect, Nordstrom Samson Associates, 19853 W. Outer Drive, Dearborn, MI 48124. Bidder should call (313) 563-3000 to ensure prints will be available for pick-up.

Bid documents are also on file at: Construction Association of Michigan; Dodge Reports; Detroit Construction Reports.

Refer to "Instructions to Bidders" in the Bid Documents for more detailed requirements.

Bidders are required to visit the Site and familiarize themselves with the Site, the scope of the Work, and the Bidding Documents.

Lump sum bids shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Architect and supplemented by a bid bond certified check, or bank draft endorsed to the Owner in the amount indicated in "Instructions to Bidders."

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance bond and labor and material payment bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof and to waive any informalities therein, and to award the project in whole or part.

Sandra L. Rich
Secretary, Board of Education

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and land divisions.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-092

5E2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the Land Division/Combination Fee Schedule resulting in a new legal description as follows:

first split/combo	\$130.00
second split	195.00
Third split	260.00
fourth split	325.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays-None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

98-093

5F. Motion by Morris, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of Steve Hitchcock, City Attorney and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement for the sale of Lot 2, Romulus Urban Renewal, Plat No. 1 to S & S builders for One Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Nays

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6. Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at 8:00am, at B & B Towing, 934 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI, County of Wayne, a public auction of the following vehicles will be held:
1989 Pontiac LeMans KL2TN5164KB321015
1986 Pontiac Bonneville 2G2GN69A6G2247101
1989 Ford Escort 1FAPP9192KW127737
1985 Ford Mustang 1FABP28A3FF171348
1988 Pontiac Grand Am 1G2NE14DXJC783696
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Wednesday, March 18, 1997 at 11:00AM at Jim & Sons Towing, 34501 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI, County of Wayne, a public auction of the following vehicles will be held:

1994 Ford Tempo 4 dr. 1FAPP36X0RK168132
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Saturday, March 21, 1998, the Van Buren Twp. Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00 am, at J & T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville MI, County of

Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1979 Lincoln 4 dr.
9Y82S761560

1986 Chevrolet 4 dr.

1G1BL69Z6GY121113

1986 Dodge 4 dr.

1B3BE36DXGC190759

1986 Oldsmobile 4 dr.

1G3AJ19W1GG414081

1985 Oldsmobile SW

1G3AJ35E6FD306161

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Buren Rd., Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1991 Dodge 4 dr.

3B3XA46K0MT011229

1985 Cadillac 4 dr.

1G6DW6985F9718467

1983 Ford PU

1FTFR10A6DUC74265

1983 Ford TK

1FMEU15GXDLA31584

1990 Dodge 2 dr.

1B3XG24K6LG423597

1991 Chevrolet TK

1GCCS14E6M2148716

1990 Hyundai 4 dr.

KMHVF22J3LU129459

1988 Ford 4 dr.

1FABP50DXJG240465

1993 Ford 4 dr.

1FAPP14J2PW296462

1984 Ford TK

1FTDF15Y5ELA32548

1989 Ford 2 dr.

1ZVBT20C7K5128101

1978 Ford SW

8X94T250945

1984 Buick 2 dr.

1G2AS2700EK448763

1991 Ford 2 dr.

1FAPP1282MW287417

Thirty day notice of public auction:

Due to unknown ownership, thirty day notice is hereby given that on May 16, 1998, the following vehicles will be auctioned to the highest bidder. These vehicles can be claimed by their owners on any business day prior to the auction at J & T Towing and Storage or Great Lakes Towing and Storage.

1983 Ford 4 dr.

1FABP092XDW152742

1987 Plymouth 2 dr.

3P3BP31K5HT721676

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time.

time prior to the start of the auction.

Cindy King
Van Buren Township Clerk

Published: March 12, 1998

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Independent Probate

FILE NO. 98-588530-IE

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Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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SYSTEM CLERK- The City of Wayne is accepting applications for the purpose of establishing a System Clerk eligibility list based on competitive examinations. Beginning salary \$24,359/ Responsible for the daily operation of the court's computer system, acts as Probation clerk for the Probation Director and serves as the principal bookkeeper in maintaining all financial records of the Court. Requirements include a high school diploma or successful completion of the General Educational Development(GED) test; two years experience with computers, preferably IBM 400 and a minimum of two years experience in bookkeeping and/or accounting and in maintaining automated accounting records. The City of Wayne is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications are available in the Personnel Department, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address to request application form. Completed applications must be received in the Personnel Department by 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 1998. Resumes without completed application will not be accepted.

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Needed in Westland. Must have valid driver's license and dependable for afternoons and weekends. Preferably trained. 721-3641.

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MAINTENANCE PERSON
Needed for apartment complex. Full time, with benefits. Must be able to repair appliances, heating, plumb., electrical. Send resume to: Attn: Manager, P.O. Box 654, Garden City, MI 48136-0654.

MATURE WAITRESS
Needed at
DALY RESTAURANT

Apply in person only at 1622 S. Wayne Rd., Westland (just N. of Palmer).

SEMI-DRIVER WANTED

Experienced, CDL, good record a must. All local runs. Starting pay \$10.75 per hour. Nelson Paper Recycling, Romulus. 721-0197.

MODELS WANTED between the ages of 7-23 to model casual/formal wear in National's 1998 Detroit pageant competitions. No past experience necessary/training will be provided. Call anytime 1-800-643-9701 for info.

LUMBER SORTERS and nailers needed in Romulus area for outdoor work. \$6.70/hr with overtime, chance to advance. 248-559-7744.

SECRETARY

Needed to fill full time positions. Belleville area. Must have experience with Microsoft Office and WordPerfect 5.2. Benefit package within 30 days. Call 313-397-8400, ask for Kathy Swain.

32. Help Wanted

NOW ACCEPTING applications for Extra Special Senior Care (personal care). Apply in person in American House, 1660 Venoy, Westland or call 467-6031.

NOW HIRING ALL POSITIONS

Apply in person, The Beehive Restaurant, 62 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti.

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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WORKING COOLER and freezer for sale. 12X24, like new. Pager, 810-970-8311 or mobil, 810-306-1732.

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POSITION OPENING Medical Assistant. Call Cindy, at Family Footcare of Belleville, 699-2400.

ROOFING HELPERS, \$8 to \$10/hr. Shinglers \$12 to \$15/hr. Must have proper hand tools, transportation to and from job sites. 734-326-8321, leave name and address for application to be mailed to you.

SHUTTLE BUS DRIVERS

2nd and 3rd shifts. Apply at U.S. Park, 9601 Middlebelt, Romulus, (just S. of I-94).

UNDER CAR Tech. needed in growing muffler shop in Wayne. Experience a plus, but not necessary. Must have own tools. 734-728-8150.

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WAREHOUSE- Canton. 2nd shift. Evaluation hire. \$7.50/hr.

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33. Child Care

BABYSITTER Wanted for 8 yrs. old, for summer break and possibly other days. Call Kathy or Bill at (734) 359-9270 leave message.

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50. Pets & Supplies

COCKATOO AND Cockatiel. For sale, reasonable. 941-0535 or 699-0306.

DOG, NAMED Sugar, adult, 8 yrs old, sandy color, 28" long, 24" high. Likes children, gentle. Call 734-485-8068.

ENGLISH POINTER, adult male, \$75 to good home. 941-0535.

FISH TANK, Eclipse 29 gallon black tank with filter, light and bookshelf stand. Paid \$300. Never used, still packaged up. Asking \$200. Call 729-4000.

LAB MIX puppies, 8 weeks. Good natured. First shots. \$50. Call 313-878-8930.

MOVING, MUST SELL! Adult SharPei and puppies. Shots and wormed. Reasonable. 941-0535.

PET COMB, four stripping combs for dogs or cats. Paid \$10, asking \$5. 729-4000.

POOPER SCOOPER, EZ scoops. \$20. 729-4000.

SCOOP-N-SEAL. Scoop for kitty litter has a handle to seal the bag after use. Seals and scoops litter or bird seed or even grass seed. Paid \$10, asking \$7. 729-4000.

55. Riding Horses Stables

HORSES FOR lease or sale. Arab, 2 geldings. 699-0306.

59. Auctions

Antique Auction Thurs., March 12, 6:30pm

Furniture, depression glass, primitives, collectibles, comic books, Hull, McCoy, Roseville, Shawnee, Fiesta, Majolica and more. Held at 7099 McKean Rd., Ypsilanti, MI.

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61. Misc. Items

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LIMOGES CHINA large oval covered tureen/casserole, stamped Haviland & Co., Limoges, France, exquisite collectable antique. White trimmed in 14 kt gold w/delicate floral design in olive and rose, \$100. 313-326-8238.

BEANIE BABY collection, complete set includes, 76 currents, including Peace and new releases, plus 11 October retirees. All are in mint condition. Save hassle, time and gas, \$1,250. Call 451-0560.

BLACK WHEELCHAIR brand new, never used, \$500 or best offer. Call Jesse at 722-0609.

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BRASS BED, queen, with mattress set. New, in box. Cost \$1000, sell \$325. 248-691-4468.

CERAMIC TILE. Choose from 1 of 20 different styles. 100 sq. ft. Great for kitchen or bath. Retail value, \$200. Will accept best offer. 729-4000.

CITIZEN WATCH, titanium professionals divers watch. Light powered with a renewable energy source that protects the environment. Paid \$400, will sacrifice at \$200. 729-4000.

COUCH AND love seat, like new, \$400. 313-397-6084.

DOCTORS TABLE, green, good condition. Write 20538 W. Warren, Detroit, MI 48228 or call 313-271-5271.

CYCLE HELMETS, 4 to choose from. HJC medium FG2 1/2 helmet, blue, DOT certified. Never worn. Paid \$110, will accept \$55.

Monarch chopper half helmet, medium, black, never worn. Paid \$190, will take \$90. Large, DOT and SNELL certified. Paid \$180, will take \$90. Call 729-4000.

DAY BED, pretty white bed with high back and 6 foot mattress. \$170. Will accept best offer. 729-4000.

DINETTE SET, Royal Design, 5 pc. dinette set, includes formica table with leaf and 4 upholstered chairs. Retailed at \$800. Will accept best offer. 729-4000.

MEN'S CLOTHING, very good condition. Sport coats, London Fog coat w/fur collar, make offer. Also Leather jacket. Call 595-3403.

FISH TANK, Kodak instant-Movie projector, Bell & Howell super eight auto load zoom lens w/carrying case, Timex Quartz mens sport watch, Wagner Power home interior painting system, Princess telephone, Kenmore carpet cleaner, pick up truck bed cover. For information call 313-425-8365.

GIRL'S PARTY Dress. Pretty size six dress, gold lemay over beige petticoat, neckline is trimmed with gold roses, lace and pearls. A large bow accentuates the back. Paid \$100. Never worn. Still in plastic. Call 729-4000 if you would like this dress for under \$75.

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HONDA CARS FOR \$100 Seized and sold locally this month, call 1(800)522-2730 ext. 3302.

HOSPITAL BED w/mattress, semi automatic. Two Singer sewing machines (1 chair). Exhaust range hood w/light. 728-8619.

IN AND OUT home furniture. Also baby items. Sorry no appliances. For more information. Call 313-721-1579.

JEWELRY FOR SALE, 1 CT. genuine diamond rings (ladies & gents). Looks like new. \$775 or best offer. 734-981-9615.

KENWOOD CD player, holds 100 discs, paid \$340. Asking \$200. Call Doug at 734-641-9305.

LAZAR TAG. 1998 pass for two to Lazer Force. Retail value \$500. Will accept best offer. 729-4000.

PEWS AND pulpit furniture for sale. Call Pastor J.L. Davis, 313-941-1366.

SEARS TYPEWRITER, portable Forecast, 12 manual w/case. Cellular phone, 100 audio cassettes/recorder & blank w/case & wood compartment. Wards portable vacuum cleaner w/attachments & instructions. Foam SS/downhill skis & poles. Gerry baby monitor set/two baby microphones & parents receiver. Pioneer turntable, needs belt. Lakewood fan, 20 inches. B & D. elec. hedge trimmer. Quasar Jotter telephone answering machine. Schwinn 10 speed womens bicycle. Lakewood fa, 20". Coca Cola collectibles. Atari two player set up w/10 game cartridges, fish tank, 20 gallons. Bird cage. IBM elect. typewriter. Eureka upright vacuum cleaner. 313-425-8365.

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SOFA COLOR and RUG, 14k gold oval ruby ring with 6 bags on each side. Will sacrifice for best offer. Retailed at \$300. Call 729-4000.

MEN'S CLOTHING, very good condition. Sport coats, London Fog coat w/fur collar, make offer. Also Leather jacket. Call 595-3403.

MEN, take a look at this! A 18k gold and platinum ring with pear shaped amethyst and 5 diamonds. Valued at \$375. Will take best offer. 729-4000. Wouldn't she love it?

MENS PULSAR watch, with matching black leather band. Paid \$135, will sacrifice at \$65. Call 729-4000.

OFFICE DESK, perfect for student or office. Brand new, still waiting at store to be picked up. 30X60 Hon gray and black desk. Paid \$432, will take best offer. 729-4000.

OIL PAINTINGS, set of 3. Paintings by Rodriguez. Ocean scenes in blues. One 40"x40", one 24"x17" and one 17"x17" from Antiques on Main. Our office purchased these for a silent auction. It was so silent that we didn't hear any bids. These paintings are beautiful. The store retailed them at \$250 which is what we paid. You can have them for as little as half that price. Call Lois if you are interested at 729-4000.

ORIENTAL RUG, 6'x9'. Your choice of colors. Retail value, \$400. Accepting best offer. 729-4000.

PAMPER PACKS, 2 available. Treat yourself and that special someone to some pampering. Retail value, \$70. Will accept best offer. 729-4000.

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SILVER SNAKE Chain. 20" sterling with spring ring clasp. \$20. 729-4000.

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SOFA AND loveseat, beige, 100% nylon. Retailed at \$2,000, will accept best offer. Call 729-4000.

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SOFA, 78" long, pastel colored sofa with 3 cushions and 2 throw pillows. Paid \$1350. Never used, will take best offer. 729-4000.

THOMAS KINKADE Art-work. 22"x22" print of your choice. Retail value, \$175, asking \$80. Call 729-4000.

THREE PIECE wall unit, walnut finish, \$295. Call 981-9453.

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WHIRLPOOL SELF cleaning electric stove, \$60. Kenmore microwave, \$35. Ratan butterfly chair, \$20. Four aquariums, 60 gallon and down, \$250 for all. Two exercise bikes, 595-8205.

73. Musical Merchandise

AMPLIFIER, PEAVEY 15 watt. New, in box. Retailed at \$150. Call 729-4000 and make an offer.

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75. Boats & Accessories

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88. Duplexes for Rent

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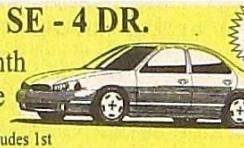
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'94 ESCORT, 72869A, auto, A/C, low miles
'94 TOPAZ, 72447A, green, low miles
'93 MERCURY TOPAZ GS, U5524, auto, A/C, nice car
'95 ESCORT, 81238A, 2 dr., A/C, cassette.
'93 AEROSTAR SPORT, U5287A, haul the kids
'96 RANGER PICK-UP XLT, 80760A, alum. wheels, A/C
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'95 ESCORT STATION WAGON, U5633, low miles, auto
'97 ESCORT, 71733A, black, loaded, auto, sharp
'93 F-150 PICK-UP, U5444, red, auto, 6 cyl.
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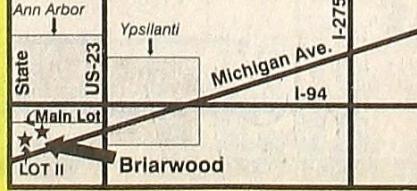
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MINUTE MOVIE REVIEWS

Films Opening

DARK CITY opened Friday, Feb. 27

Cast: Rufus Sewell, William Hurt, Kiefer Sutherland, Jennifer Connelly

Director: Alex Proyas

A futuristic thriller about a man who awakens in a hotel room, only to discover he is wanted for a series of murders he cannot remember. Rated R.

KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE opened Friday, Feb. 27

Cast: Richard Dreyfuss, Lily Tomlin, Jenna Elfman, Natasha Lyonne

Director: Todd Holland

A comedy about a widowed anthropology professor who uses grant money to raise his family, disguising his children as an "undiscovered" tribe from New Guinea. Rated PG-13.

DECONSTRUCTING HARRY

An all-star ensemble cast star in this romantic comedy centering around a neurotic novelist. Rated R.

DEEP RISING

This action thriller is set in the South China Seas where a group of mercenaries find themselves pitted against a horrific sea monster. Rated R.

DECEIVER

This psychological thriller is about an Ivy League graduate lured into an elaborate web of intrigue when a prostitute is murdered. Rated R.

THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE TREE

Based on Forrest Carter's best selling 1977 novel, this Depression era drama tells of a half-Cherokee orphan raised in the Tennessee mountains by his grandparents. Rated PG.

HALF BAKED

A comedy about a pair of chronic potheads who resort to selling stolen grass to raise bail for a friend. Rated R.

HARD RAIN

This action thriller centers around an armored car heist that takes place during a torrential rainstorm that causes Mississippi floodwater. Rated R.

AMISTAD

This story set in 1939 is about the Spanish slave ship Amistad whose "cargo" of 53 African took over the vessel and were charged with murder. Rated R.

THE BORROWERS

This film is based on the popular children's novels about a family of 4-inch people

KUNDUN

This film chronicles the young life of the 14th Dalai Lama and covers the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1950.

RATED PG-13.

FOR RICHER OR POORER

A comedy about a well-to-do married couple who are ripped off by their accountant and end up owing the IRS.

THE TWILIGHT

opened Friday, March 6

Cast: Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, Gene Hackman, James Gardner, Stockard Channing

Director: Robert Benton

This thriller centers around a retired Los Angeles private investigator who agrees to help a friend, only to find himself embroiled in a dangerous and complex murder mystery.

RATED R.

THE WEDDING SINGER

A romantic comedy set in 1985 about a small-town wedding singer with hopes of being the next David Lee Roth who falls in love with a young woman already engaged.

RATED PG-13.

THE BIG LEBOWSKI

opened Friday, March 6

Cast: Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Julianne Moore, Steve Buscemi, John Turturro

Director: Joel Coen

A Joel and Ethan Coen comic crime caper set in L.A. about a kidnapping and a case of mistaken identity. Rated R.

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Women Hearts of Westland Ellen Angerer gave Grand Opening attendees a tour of this beautiful facility. Pictured from left to right: Jay Gilbert, City of Westland; Binnie Carre, Chamber Vice President; Ellen Angerer, Woven Hearts; Schott Veldhuis, City of Westland; Kelley Fulkerson, Woven Hearts and Barbara Barrel, Chamber Secretary and Vice President.



The Westland Chamber of Commerce welcomed International Minute Press to Westland last month. The morning event included champagne ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Kim Shunkwiler, Chamber Pres-elect; Mary Veillardita, IMP Manager, James Williams, CFP, Chamber Director, Dick Isham, IMP President; John Toye Chamber President; and Fred Schmittou, IMP Printer Operator.

Garden City Hospital earns highest rehabilitation accreditation

Garden City Hospital announces a Three-year Accreditation award by CARF.. The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission. This represents the highest level of accreditation achievable by hospitals. Garden City Hospital was recognized for accreditation in Rehabilitation Service programs.

This accreditation achieved by Garden City Hospital is awarded by CARF, the nation's accreditation authority in the field of medical rehabilitation, behavioral health and employment and community support

services. The accreditation results from findings during CARF's recent on-site survey. Garden City Hospital has offered rehabilitation services since 1987.

"Garden City Hospital demonstrates a quality rehabilitation program, measured by rigorous standards," said Donald E. Galvin, Ph. D., President and CEO of CARF. "This Three-Year Accreditation is a credit to the high caliber operations of Garden City Hospital's Rehabilitation Unit and its commitment to continuous quality improvement."

Established in 1966, CARF is the preeminent internally recognized accreditation authority promoting and advocating quality rehabilitation services. With headquarters in Tucson, Arizona and accredited organizations throughout the United States and Canada, CARF develops standards. CARF is a privately funded, not-for-profit organization.

For more information please contact Kathleen Urban, Director of Rehabilitation Services at (313) 458-3350.

Man scratched for dating ex's sister

Police searched for a woman who allegedly injured her ex-boyfriend's eye.

She allegedly slapped him on the afternoon of March 1 because he started dating her sister.

The incident allegedly took place at the man's Westland home after the ex-girlfriend came over and argued about the relationship with her sister.

The argument became heated and she allegedly slapped his face and scratched his eye lid, the ex-boyfriend told police.

The responding officer confirmed the wound in his report.

He grabbed the phone to call 911 while she allegedly grabbed at his arms to get the phone away, he said.

When he connected to the police, she fled on foot to parts unknown.

Police couldn't find her but issued a citation for domestic assault and battery in her absence.



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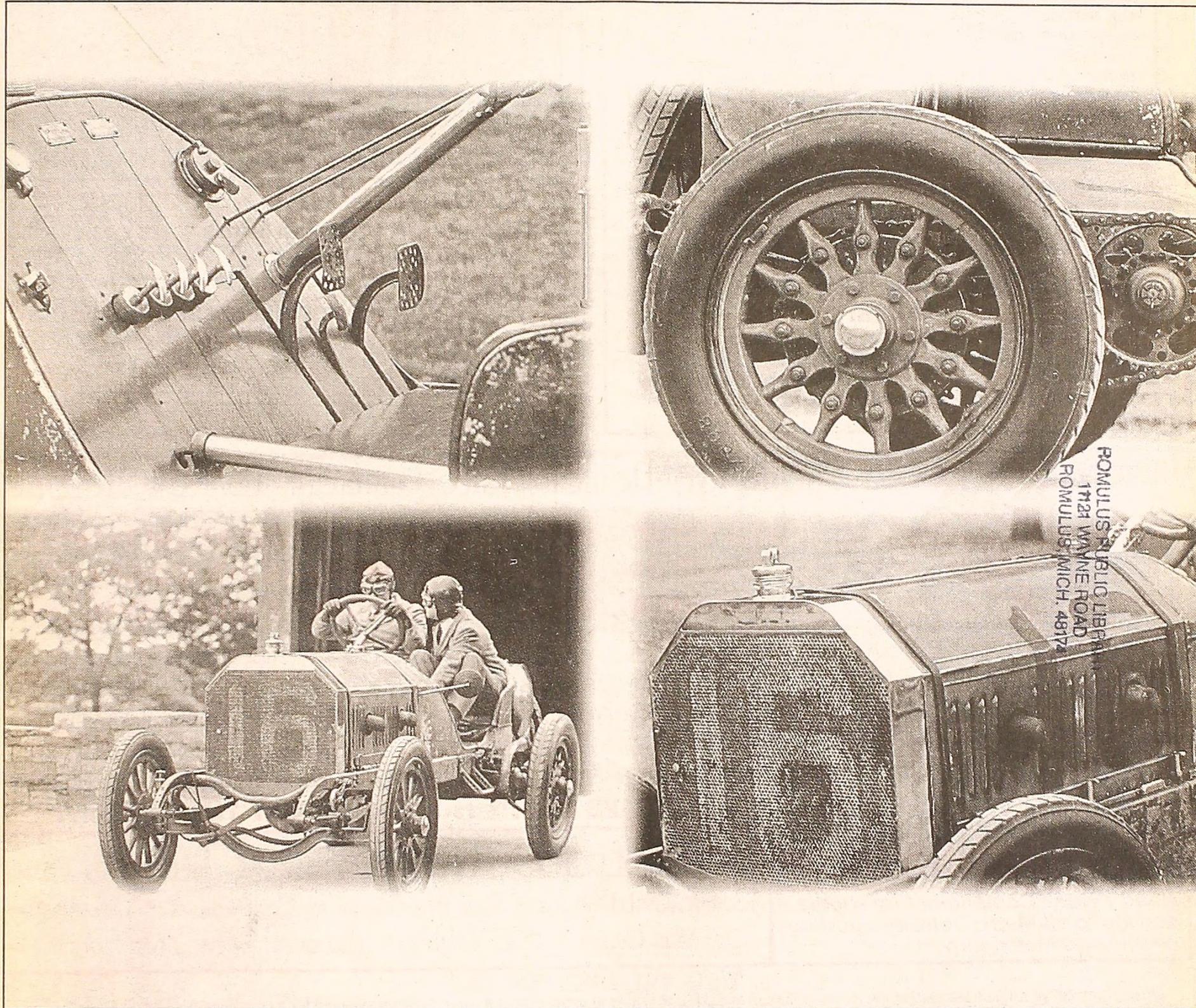
March Madness Sale

1997 F-150 XL Auto, air, 28,000 miles. Stk. #12523  \$227 per mo.	REPAIRS? CERTIFIED They're covered for 3 MONTHS/3,000 MILES. PRE-OWNED VEHICLES FLAT TIRE? We'll change it for you. Even covers road hazards. We even have you covered if you're on a trip... you can't lose! RUN OUT OF GAS? We'll send someone with 5 gallons. We've Put It In Writing On All Easy Care Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles.	1997 ESCORT Air, sunroof, 18,000 miles. Stk. #12582  \$161 per mo.				
1997 THUNDERBIRD LX Loaded, moonroof, 19,000 miles. Stk. #12540 \$255 per mo.	1994 Topaz GS Red, 35,000 miles, loaded. Stk. #12550 \$152 per mo.	1995 F-150 XLT Loaded, 36,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #12518 \$211 per mo.	1996 CAVALIER COUPE Auto, air, 26,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #9202A \$186 per mo.	1997 ESCORT LX Auto, air, P.W., cruise, 18,000 miles. Stk. #12533 \$170 per mo.	1996 F-150 E. Bauer Auto, loaded, 34,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #12570 \$283 per mo.	1996 F-150 E. Bauer Supercab Auto, loaded, 34,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #5554A \$309 per mo.
1997 CONTOUR Auto, air, loaded, 16,000 miles. Stk. #217 \$208 per mo.	1996 Ranger XLT Auto, air, 25,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #12527 \$196 per mo.	1996 Aerostar XLT 26,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #12531 \$248 per mo.	1995 Aerostar XL 38,000 miles, loaded. Stk. #12474A \$211 per mo.	1995 Taurus GL Loaded, 45,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #12561 \$190 per mo.	1997 Taurus GL Loaded, 21,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #12522 \$246 per mo.	1995 Probe SE 51,000 miles, extra clean. Stk. #5593A \$148 per mo.
1995 Taurus SHO Auto, loaded, 33,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #5447A \$253 per mo.	1996 Beretta One owner, 27,000 miles. Stk. #4193A \$186 per mo.	1994 Cougar XR7 One owner, loaded, black. Stk. #5830A \$228 per mo.	1995 Escort LX Sport 36,000 miles, one owner. Stk. #8674A \$148 per mo.	1994 Thunderbird LX V-8, loaded, moonroof, 41,000 miles. Stk. #12466A \$278 per mo.	1994 Thunderbird LX V-8, loaded, moonroof, 44,000 miles. Stk. #12455A \$266 per mo.	1994 Mustang Auto, loaded, 57,000 miles. Stk. #12529A \$228 per mo.

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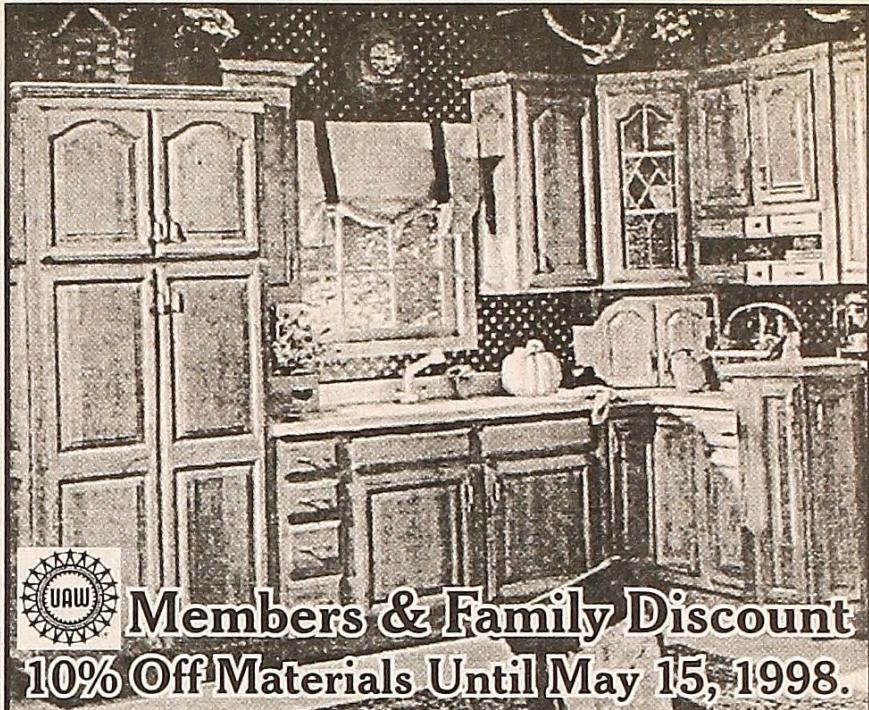
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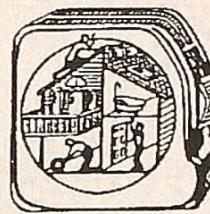
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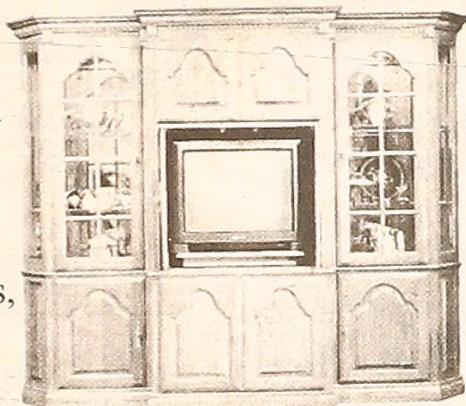
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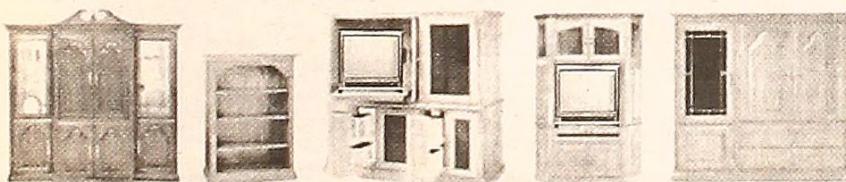
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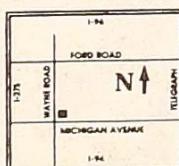


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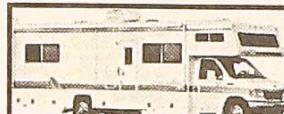
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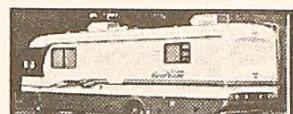
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What would you do if someone handed you a check for \$4,400? Would you save it, spend it or invest it?

This is a question thousands of Ford Motor Company employees and their families are happy to be considering.

Last week workers at the Michigan Truck Plant and the Wayne Assembly Plant in Wayne, received their annual profit sharing checks.

At more than double last year's check, the possibilities of what to do are endless. Should you do something fun like take a trip to Vegas or Disney World or should you do something responsible like invest it, make a home repair or pay off some bills?

Maybe half the fun is hanging on to the check and dreaming of all the delightful likelihoods.

Well Vegas doesn't seem to be the dream destination for Ford families this year.

A lot of the employees plan to spend the money a little closer to home.

Kirk Digorgio, of Plymouth, a painter at the Assembly Plant plans

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to pay off some bills.

His wife Jacquie said, "We are going to get out of debt."

The Darling Family of Walled Lake is also planning to get out of debt.

Todd Darling works at the Michigan Truck Plant.

An anonymous Ford worker who went to UAW Local 900 on Michigan Avenue to pick up his check last Wednesday said his plans were top secret.

No matter what Ford employees plan to do with their checks this year, you can bet they are already wondering what next year's check may be. After all, the anticipation is half the fun.

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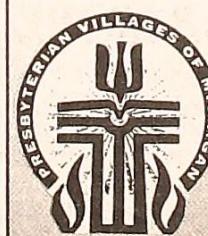
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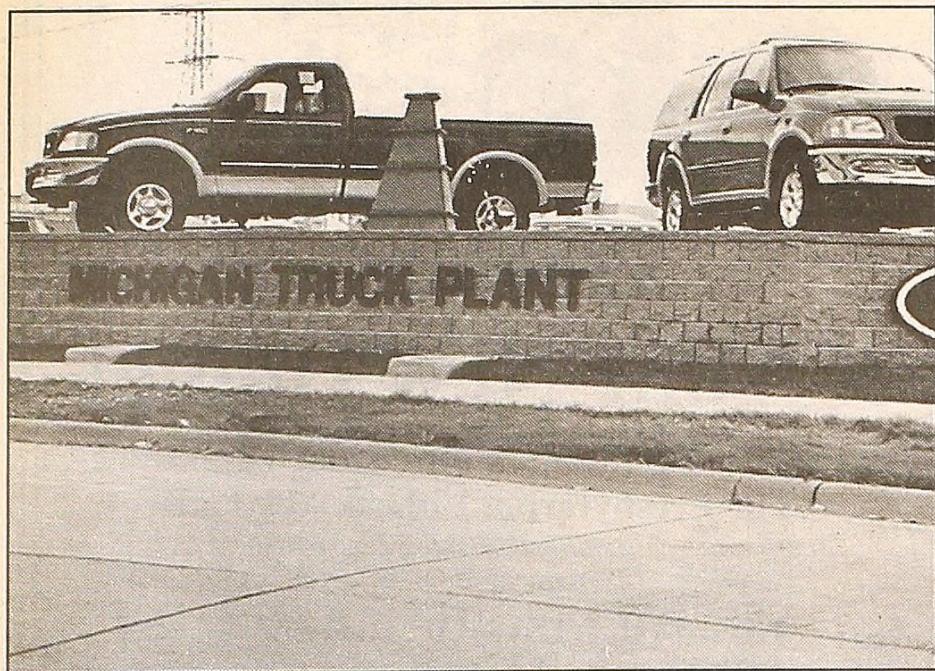
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Close to 8,000 employees work at the two plants.

The Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant first opened its doors in 1952, The Michigan Truck Plant in 1964.

The Michigan Truck Plant was the first in the U.S. to add a third production crew. This created 900 new jobs in August 1994. This crew increased production from 208,000 to 240,000 units. In 1997 the Truck Plant produced 343,103 Expeditions and Navigators.

Because these new trucks were so popular, The Michigan Truck Plant contributed to almost half of Ford Motor Company's profits in 1997.



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Local businesses hope Ford workers spend with them

For employees at The Michigan Truck Plant and The Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant in Wayne, it was like Christmas came twice in less than three months.

On March 4, Ford workers received their \$4,400 profit sharing checks. This more than doubles last year's checks. Local economies surrounding those plants hope they will see a boom in the near future.

Donna McEachern, director Wayne Chamber of Commerce said a good many of the people will probably pay on bills but she is sure some of the employees will be making purchases and she hopes Wayne businesses will have the chance to serve them.

Employees at Leo's Jewelry and Gifts, 34900 Michigan Avenue, said many Ford employees have come in to browse and said they would be back when they got their checks. So far none have come back but Leo's hopes they will.

It doesn't seem that Ford workers are planning any trips yet. Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 34844 Michigan Avenue said they have not booked any trip for Ford employees since the profit sharing checks have been distributed.

But they did add they would welcome it and would be more than

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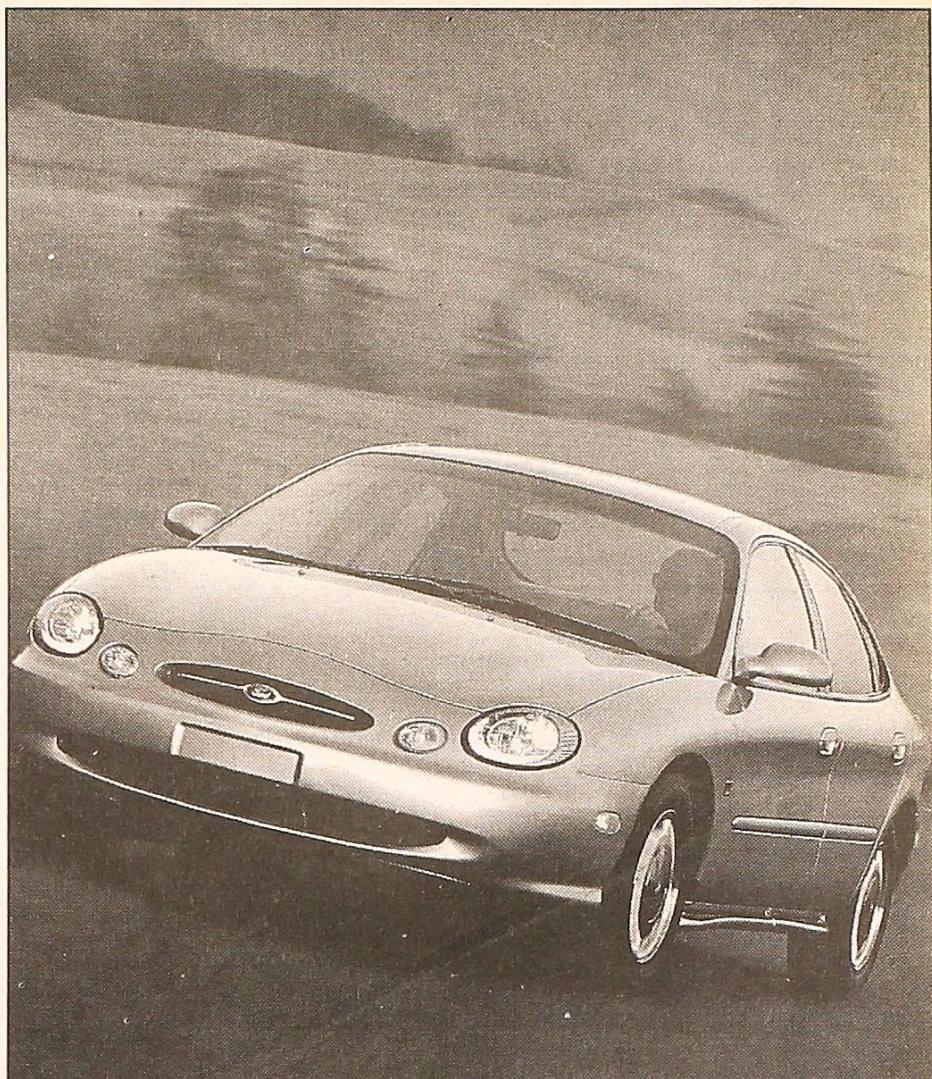
happy to help employees plan a getaway.

Ford Motor Company began paying profit sharing in 1984. Last year's checks were \$1,800.

Workers eagerly filed into the UAW Local #900 hall across from the two plants to pick up their checks last Wednesday.

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"Half of the profits from this company come from this plant," said John Corrigan, Michigan Truck Plant.



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Ford Motor Company employs more than 7,500 people at the three-state-of-the-art plants which include: the Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant; Michigan Truck Plant; and Paint Plant.

The Ford plants stretch across a three-mile area along east Michigan Avenue producing a wide variety of vehicle products worth millions each year. The Wayne Stamping and

Assembly Plant is home to the Ford Escort and Tracer.

The Michigan Truck Plant produces the F-Series pickup truck and the new Expedition.

In August of 1994, the Michigan Truck Plant became the first plant in the country to add a third production crew creating 900 new jobs, mostly hourly.

The third crew increased the annual production capacity from 208,000 to 240,000 units.



The Ford Escort (above) is made in Wayne.



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Optional flip-fold, center-facing jump seats will be offered. Standard equipment will include two rear storage bins and two rear speakers for optimal sound quality. The four-door Ranger goes on sale in April.

1999 FORD SUPER DUTY F250, F350

The 1999 Ford Super Duty F-250 and F-350, which will go on sale in March, will be the first trucks with standard four doors in the over 8,500-pound GVW segment. They will be available in other global markets later in the year.

1999 FORD F-150, F-250 SUPER-CAB

In the fall of 1998, the light-duty 1999 F-150 and F-250 trucks with four doors will arrive. Four doors will be standard on all SuperCab models.

The Ford four-door design eliminates the B-pillar. The doors open using a hidden hinge on the rear pillars, which allows them to swing out 90 degrees from the door sill and eliminates the need to tip the front seat forward for rear access.

1999 MERCURY COUGAR

The 1999 Mercury Cougar is an

all-new four-seat sports coupe with a vivid design.

The new Cougar is the first Ford car in North America to feature the company's New Edge design, a style defined as geometric accents added to a flowing shape, creating a tension that is visually arresting.

The Cougar is based on the critically acclaimed front-drive platform used for the Ford Contour, Mercury Mystique and European Ford Mondeo. The platform has been recalibrated to give the coupe a sporty, confident and responsive ride.

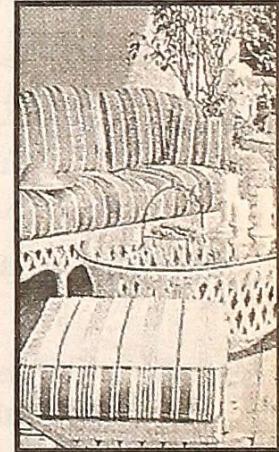
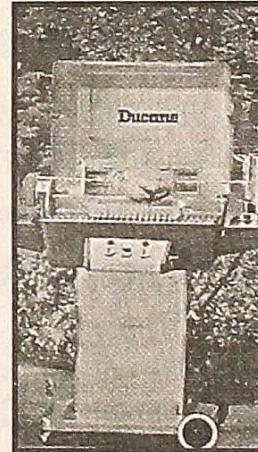
The Cougar will be powered by either the base 16-valve Zetec four-cylinder engine, which develops 125 horsepower, or the 170-horsepower 24-valve Duratec manual; a four-speed automatic transmission is optional.

Four-channel ABS is standard. Side air bags to provide head and chest protection for front-seat passengers will be available as an option. This is a first in the North American small specialty market.

The Cougar will arrive in North American showrooms this spring. It also will be sold in Europe. Designed and engineered by Ford's Small and Medium Car Vehicle Centre in Europe, the Cougar will be built exclusively at the Auto-Alliance International Assembly Plant in Flat Rock, Mich.

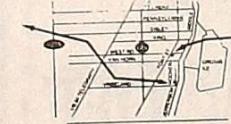
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Ford employees can choose 23 grand

On the tail of a \$4,400 profit sharing check, about 135,000 of Ford Motor Company's employees have another decision to make. They will receive about \$23,000 from Ford in April.

Ford announced last week that one of their loan companies will turn into an independent corporation. This means employees will receive one share of stock in Associates First Capital Corp., which Ford bought in 1989, for every four shares of Ford stock they own.

Most employees own about 1,081 shares of stock in their retirement plans.

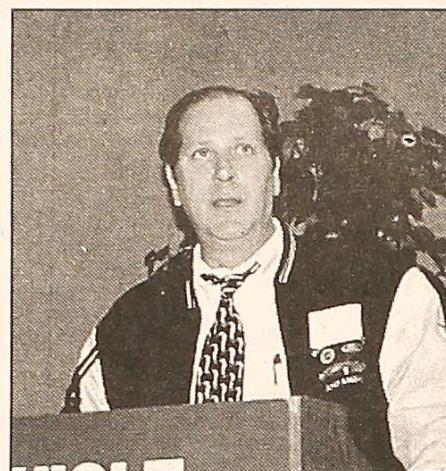
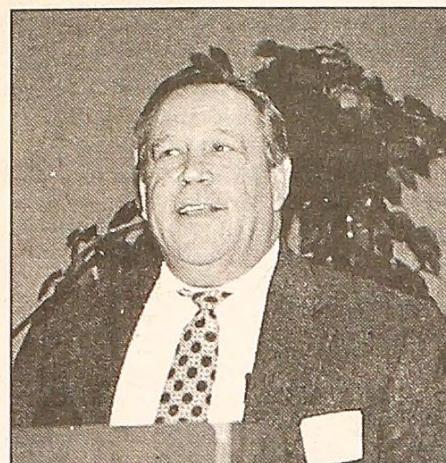
Employees will get \$3.1 billion. They can decide to keep it in their retirement funds to be reinvested or they can take the cash.

If they take the cash they will have to pay taxes and a penalty unless they are 59 1/2 years old.

The cash pay out is available because employees with a retirement fund can only invest in mutual funds or Ford Motor Company stock and its subsidiaries.

Associates First Capital Corp. is a consumer finance company that specializes in home mortgages, installment loans, finances and leases on heavy trucks and recreational vehicles.

The company made almost \$1 billion of the \$6.9 billion Ford made in 1997.



George Kormanis and Tom Senzig are part of the Wayne Stamping and Assembly management team.

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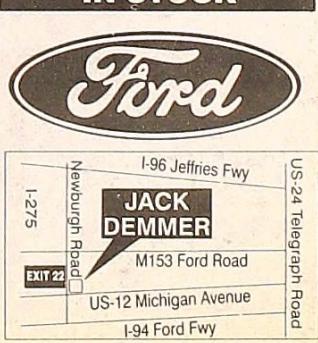
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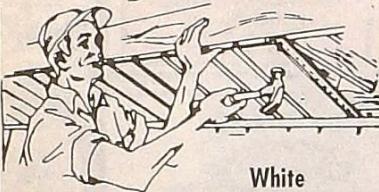
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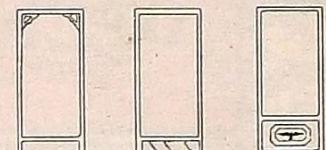
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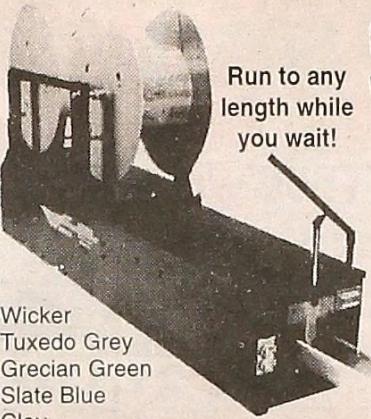
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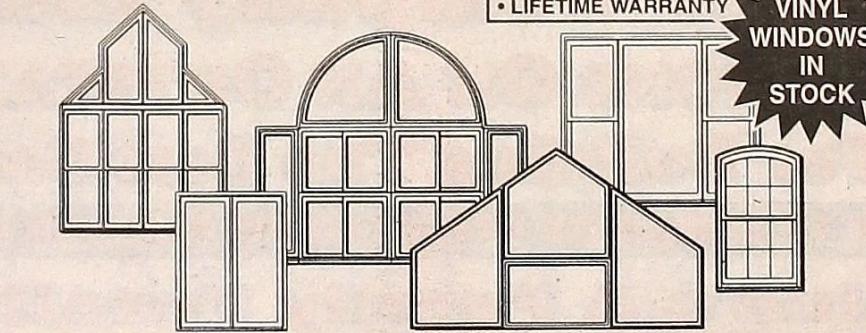
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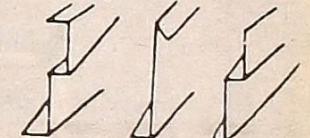
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